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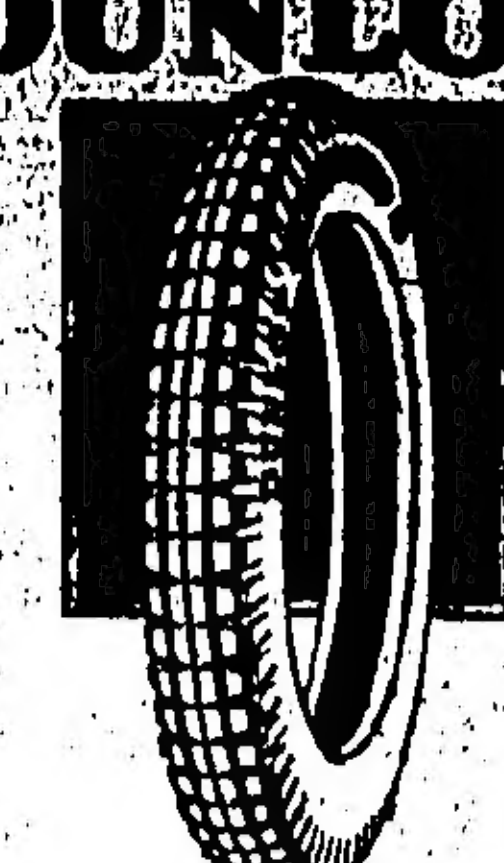


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GOVERNOR ON GAOL STRIKE.

IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION.

FULL STATEMENT IN COUNCIL.

DEFINITE ASSURANCE ON POINT OF RATIONS.

DIET REVELATION.

A definite assurance by His Excellency the Governor that there has been no reduction in quantity or quality of individual diets in Victoria Gaol was given this morning at the final meeting for the year of the Legislative Council. His Excellency added that "in fact any change has been in the direction of an increase."

The business before the Council was purely formal. His Excellency making his statement on conditions in the Gaol when the Report of the Finance Committee, held on Monday last (at which numerous questions on the gaol administration were asked), was before the Council for adoption.

False Impression.

The adoption of the Report having been moved and seconded, His Excellency said:

"As the financial provision asked for was agreed to at the meeting of the Finance Committee on December 22nd, there would seem to be no need for further discussion in this Council."

It appears however, that certain questions were asked in Committee, bearing on Prison diets, more particularly in relation to the recent unfortunate strike in the Gaol, which tend to create the impression that there has been a reduction in the quality or quantity of the regulation diets.

I take this opportunity of saying that any saving on the Subsistence Vote does not connote any such reduction. It must be quite well known that, in forming an estimate for such a service for the forthcoming year, it is impossible to estimate requirements accurately. In the first place, at the time the estimates are drawn up, it is not known what the contract rate per diet will be, and in the second place Government of course cannot possibly be aware beforehand of the number of prisoners that will have to be fed. These factors may result in either a saving or an excess of expenditure.

Definite Assurance.

This year there happens to have been a saving. I now give the definite assurance that there has been no reduction in quantity or quality of individual diets, and that in fact any change has been in the direction of an increase. The diets which were in force during the early part of this year have been in force for many years, and have stood the test of time. As however, it is some 25 years old at least, government recently decided to appoint a Committee to review the whole scale, and this committee has submitted a report which has been considered by Executive Council. The report recommends very large increases, and the Executive Council was not satisfied that they were entirely justified, and the recommendations have been referred back to the Committee for further investigations. Certain alterations have been allowed in the meantime, but the real problem is not one of dietary but of maintenance of discipline among the prisoners.

It is considered not unlikely that the recent unrest in the Gaol is largely attributable to outside influences, which, if the absence of facilities for segregation, can penetrate to the convicts through the medium of the short sentences prisoners, and in my opinion the question of diets has merely been made the excuse for causing trouble among the prisoners generally.

Confidence in Staff.

I am given to understand that in some quarters the satisfactory administration of the Gaol has been called in question. I have

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TRIBUTES TO LORD MELCHETT.

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE SENT BY KING.

BY-ELECTION CAUSED.

London, Dec. 28.

The newspapers in recording the death of Lord Melchett yesterday afternoon, print long tributes. The *Sunday Times* describes him as the Field-marshal of industry and the *Observer* refers to the loss of an inspiring impulse in scientific industry and of a man of the highest intellectual ability.

Late yesterday, Lady Melchett received a telegram of sympathy from the King and Queen, in the course of which the King said: "I fully recognise how constantly he devoted his energies to the improvement of the industrial life of the country."

Lord Melchett, who was only sixty-two, was an advocate of

CABLE COMPANIES AND NANKING.

Sensational Report Reaches "Daily Herald."

FEARS OF SEIZURE.

London, Dec. 29.

The *Daily Herald* this morning gives much prominence to a sensational despatch from its Shanghai correspondent, alleging a serious crisis in regard to the renewal of contracts between the Nanking Government and the foreign cable companies.

The message hints at the possibility of a Chinese attempt to seize the cable landings.

—*Reuter.*

rationalisation and the architect of the great combine, the Imperial Chemical Industries of which he was Chairman. He was the Chairman of a dozen other Companies and held nearly 30 directorates altogether.

He was a member of Parliament from 1906 to 1908 when raised to the peerage.

He was President of the World Power Conference in 1928.

A by-election is necessitated by his death as his heir, the Hon. Henry Mond is the Conservative Member for the East Toxteth Division of Liverpool. Lord Melchett was an ardent supporter of the Zionist movement and for the past ten years was in close touch with the Zionist Executive.

—*British Wireless.*

KING AND MARSHAL JOFFRE.

ROYAL INTEREST IN GREAT FRENCH SOLDIER.

London, Dec. 28.

Lord Tyrrell the British Ambassador in Paris, has been asked by the King to follow the progress of Marshal Joffre, who is lying seriously ill, and to express the King's regret.

—*British Wireless.*

Paris, Dec. 27.

Marshal Joffre has been operated upon for arthritis in the lower limbs. His condition is very grave.

—*Reuter.*

Later.

According to *Le Temps*, Marshal Joffre, whose illness had hitherto been kept a secret, was operated on on December 19, when his right leg was amputated.

—*Reuter.*

Paris, Dec. 28.

Marshal Joffre spent a quiet night, and his condition has slightly improved, but reserve is maintained as regards the outlook.

—*Reuter.*

Brief intimation of an armed robbery at 105, Whitfield Quarry Bay reached Police Headquarters late this morning, it being stated that three men, one armed with a knife, had been concerned in the affair. Money, jewellery and clothing, to the extent of about \$140 is said to have been taken.

SHOOTING DRAMA SEQUEL.

PORTUGUESE WOMAN BEFORE COURT.

CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER.

MR. MANTON'S WOUNDS.

The Criminal Investigation Department brought an indictment of attempted murder when they produced a woman of Portuguese nationality before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning.

The accused, Juliana Maria Xavier, aged 43, is described as a married woman, living at No. 375, Lockhart Road, Wanchai; and she is charged with attempting the murder by shooting of:

Alfred Joseph Manton, aged 34, an Englishman, employed as a Traffic Inspector of the Hongkong Tramways Co. who was living at the same address.

Asked if she understood the charge, Xavier replied in the affirmative.

Remanded for Wed.

The Magistrate:—The man you are alleged to have shot will be in Hospital for at least two weeks. You are remanded on this charge till this day week, January 5th, at 10 a.m.

Detective Sergeant M. Murphy appeared for the Crown at the early stage of the case.

The woman's appearance in Court was a sequel to a shooting affair which occurred in a flat at No. 375, Lockhart Road, Wanchai, about one o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Manton, a popular member of the community, reported at the local Police Station, suffering from two bullet wounds in the back and another in the arm. He was rushed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Gave Himself Up.

After Mr. Manton's removal to Hospital, Mrs. J. Xavier, who, it is understood, had been Mr. Manton's housekeeper for some years, living with him at the flat at Lockhart Road, also appeared at the Station. She had left the house (it is stated by police) after the shooting, and was on her way to the Station, when she met a constable who guided her there after she had made a statement.

The shooting took place on the second floor of No. 375 Lockhart Road, rented by Mr. Manton together with the floor above. What occurred immediately prior to the shooting is not disclosed, beyond the fact that no-one else was present.

A European, who boarded in with Mr. Manton, was absent from the floor at the time.

Wounds Not Serious.

After the shooting Mr. Manton was able to proceed in a rickshaw to the Wanchai Station, which was quite near. He handed to the Police a five-chambered automatic of .32 calibre, from which it was indicated, he had previously removed all remaining cartridges.

Mr. Manton's condition is described as being not serious, no vital organs having been affected by his wounds. An operation is to be performed to-day for the extraction of the bullets. As indicated in Court, his discharge from Hospital is expected within a fortnight.

KWANGSI POSITION UNCHANGED.

REBELS CONTROL MOST OF THE PROVINCE.

Canton, Dec. 28.

The Kwangsi campaign continues to hang fire. The rebel troops remain in control of Nanning and Liuchow and, in fact, of most of the Province, with the exception of the south-east part around Wuchow and the West River as far as Kwel Hsien, which is under the control of General Chan Chai-long.

The Yunnanese troops of the 10th Route Army, which had been besieging Nanning for many months, have been instructed by the Central Government to withdraw across the Yunnan-Kwangsi border and to discontinue all raids on Nanning.

—*Own Own Correspondent.*

SENSATIONAL CAFE ARREST.

BIG DRUG TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION.

LOCAL DISPENSER.

Extensive ramifications were hinted at by the Revenue authorities when they charged three men before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Police Court to-day with the joint possession of six lbs. of morphine.

One of the accused is described as a dispenser employed at the Queen's Dispensary, at Des Voeux Road Central, while one of the other two is alleged by the authorities to be a buyer.

All three men, together with a small boy (the case against whom was subsequently withdrawn), were arrested, Revenue Officer Grimmett stated, at the Tin Wah Cafe, at No. 49, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday night. Other tins, he said, were seized, the contents of which had yet to be analysed. Pending the results of investigations, the men were charged with the possession of only six lbs.

Papers found in the case, coupled with the fact that one of the accused was employed at a Dispensary, have prompted investigations, indicated by the officer to be of an extensive character.

On behalf of one of the men charged, Mr. H. J. Armstrong pleaded not guilty.

The two other accused also denied the charge, saying that they had got nothing to do with the drug.

All three were remanded for a week, bail being allowed in the sum of \$2,500 for each man.

LIKIN ABOLITION EFFECTS.

HEAVY LOSSES INVOLVED FOR MANCHURIA.

Tientsin, Dec. 28.

The Manchurian and Shanai militarists have been during the past few days concerning the advisability of continuing with Nanking's instructions demanding the abolition of likin and all irregular taxes as from January 1st.

It was revealed at these meetings that on the cancellation of the likin taxes in Chihli, Shanai, Jehol, Kirin and Hellungkiang Provinces, the Manchurian Government would suffer an annual loss of about \$30,000,000. It is estimated that in Shanai alone the revenue on irregular taxes amounts to \$4,000,000 annually.

The militarists are contemplating issuing a Government loan of \$24,000,000 to restore the depreciated value of the Shanai Government bank notes which have dropped in value considerably since the collapse of the Shanai Government.

General Chang Hsueh-liang has telegraphed to the Nanking Government seeking the advice of Nanking's Chiang Kai-shek relative to the issue of this loan.

MARQUIS KOMURA'S SUDDEN DEATH.

TAKEN ILL AT TOKYO ON SATURDAY.

Tokyo, Dec. 29.

The death has occurred of Marquis Kin-ichi Komura, who was taken suddenly ill on Saturday with intestinal trouble. He was only 42 years of age.

The late Marquis was the son of Japan's most famous Foreign Minister, Jutaro Komura. He graduated in law from the Imperial Tokyo University in 1907, passed into the Diplomatic Service the same year, and was attache in Peking and London, returning in 1911 as Sectional Chief of the Political Bureau.

He became Deputy-Director of Information, Foreign Office in 1923, and at the time of his death was Vice-Minister of the Department of Overseas Affairs, to which he was appointed early in 1929.

—*Reuter.*

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THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS OF THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT FOR THE YEAR 1930 HAVE JUST BEEN ISSUED IN SEVEN VOLUMES.

BRITAIN'S MOBILE POLICE FORCE.

ESTABLISHED UNDER NEW ROAD ACT.

THOUSAND PATROLS TO BE READY ON THURSDAY.

NO VINDICTIVENESS.

The provisions of the new Road Traffic Act, abolishing the speed limit and establishing compulsory third party insurance, come into force on Thursday next.

To deal with offences such as dangerous driving and neglect of signals, a special force of police mounted on motor bicycles and fast cars is being organised.

A thousand patrols are expected to be in service by January 1st, and about 300 will be on the roads in the London district to-morrow, says a British Wireless message.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Minister of Transport, discussed the subject of mobile police in an interview, explaining that he had incorporated, in the Road Traffic Act, provisions authorising grants out of the Road Fund to the cost of police, motor cars, and cycles because he desired to encourage the local police authorities to equip the police for modern service on the roads.

"I do not believe," he said, "that the abolition of the speed limit on January 1st next will make any material difference to the speed of the traffic, but nevertheless it makes it more than ever the duty of the State and the local authorities to see that the police are adequately equipped for their task."

An Economical Step.

"A policeman equipped with motor-car or motor-cycle is in a much better position than the pedestrian policeman to supervise moving traffic. Moreover, it is an economical step, because the mobile police will be able to cover a much wider area and they will also be able to deal with delinquents with greater ease."

The new Act emphasises the impropriety of dangerous, reckless, and careless driving, and it substantially increases the penalties. What I desired was not that there should be a mobile policeman on every mile of the highway, but that there should be a sufficiency of mobile police to make the motorist realise that he might be 'dropped on' at any time.

"It is probable that there will be round about one thousand mobile policemen, of whom two-thirds will in all likelihood use motor-cycles. These vehicles, financially aided out of the Road Fund, will enable the police to deal effectively and decisively with drivers who are a positive danger to other drivers and to pedestrians."

Unwanted Drivers.

"This kind of driver is of no use to motoring in general, and every decent motorist will share my desire that in clear cases of dangerous and reckless driving there should be prosecution, and that the magistrates will not hesitate to inflict really effective penalties. The sooner this type of driver is off the highway altogether the better it will be for the safety of the public and the popularity of motoring transport."

"There will, I conceive, though this is a matter for the police authorities and the Home Office, be a second duty of the mobile police—to check minor faults and minor carelessness in driving. In this matter they will act in a friendly way, warning drivers against faults, and encouraging them to do better."

"There is no question of the mobile police pursuing their duties in a merely vindictive spirit. I have no wish that the police should act in a vindictive or bullying spirit, nor that they should, so to speak, invite or stimulate trouble among drivers. The job of the mobile police, as I conceive it, is to aim at getting order, consideration and decent conduct on the King's highway."

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The Administrative Reports of the Hongkong Government for the year 1930 have just been issued in seven volumes.

FEARS OF REVOLT IN TURKEY.

MUSTAPHA KEMAL CALLS A CONFERENCE.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.

In a big round-up of suspects, over a thousand arrests have hitherto been made by the authorities at Menemen, Magnesia, Konia, Smyrna, Stamboul and elsewhere, those taken into custody including Shekhs, dervishes and Imams and a number of women.

A whole battalion of troops whose loyalty was suspected has been interned.

The Government activities follow the recent revolt at Menemen, in which several persons were killed. The revolt, purported to establish a "religious regime."

The authorities believe that the revolt was not an isolated incident, but the first phase of a vast conspiracy aimed at the overthrowing of the Kemalist regime in Turkey.

Mustapha Kemal presided at an important meeting at Dolma

Italian Planes Again in Trouble.

Succouring Machine Forced Down in Sahara.

THE CREW RESCUED.

Rabat, Dec. 29.

General Balbo's seaplanes encountered a hailstorm near Balama in Portuguese Guinea, where they are now held up. New propellers have been asked for and a commercial plane left Casablanca yesterday carrying a mechanic and seven propellers.

The machine was forced to land in the Sahara, and a second plane from Agadir brought back the crew of the first plane to Agadir.

—*Reuter.*

Baghche Palace yesterday, which was attended by the Prime Minister, Ismet Pasha, the Minister for the Interior, the Chief of the General Staff and other prominent officials, who discussed the situation for eight hours and considered the advisability of imposing special penalties for "reactionaries."

PRINCE GEORGE IN A MISHAP.

THROWN WHEN OUT WITH BELVOIR.

London, Dec. 28.

Prince George, who was thrown when out yesterday with the Belvoir Hounds, and suffered an injury to the muscles of the left shoulder, passed a fairly comfortable night.

His progress is satisfactory, but it will be some days before he can use his arm, and in order to give it more rest, he did not return to Sandringham to-day as expected.

—*British Wireless.*

SUGAR CONFERENCE DEADLOCK.

GERMANY ADHERES TO HER DEMAND.

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.

Dr. Rabbethge, the leader of the German delegation at the Brussels Sugar Conference, has informed Mr. Chadbourne that the German sugar industry must stand by its demand for an export quota of 450,000 tons for the first year and 350,000 tons for the following four years.

—*Reuter.*

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

JOINS KING AND QUEEN AT SANDRINGHAM.

London, Dec. 28.

The Duke of Gloucester, who left England in October to attend the coronation of the Emperor of Abyssinia, reached Victoria yesterday afternoon. He proceeded to Sandringham to join the King and Queen to-day.

—*British Wireless.*

Large Insurance.

They obtained insurance on the premises and stock-in-trade from two insurance companies to the value of \$31,000—the larger part of which was for stock-in-trade.

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Fire Stamped Out.

The policeman opened the door which was not locked, and succeeded in subduing the flames by stamping on them with the aid of a blanket. While this was happening, third accused was seen walking rapidly away from the burning building, carrying a bag containing a large sum of money.

ARSON TRIAL OPENS AT THE SESSIONS.

CASE FOR CROWN OUTLINED.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO DEFAUD.

OBJECTION TO JUROR.

A sequel to an alleged attempted fraud upon insurance companies, the trial was opened at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood) of three men, charged with attempted arson at No. 77, Wing Lok Street.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, for the Crown, stated that the premises had been preserved exactly as found, with festoons of shavings and palm leaves, spread out for the purpose of burning the premises down. The jury would probably have an opportunity of inspecting the premises.

The accused men are Li Sul-ping, (alias Li Yan), Li Yuen and Yeung Fu, the first count being that at about midnight on October 18, 1930, they unlawfully and maliciously attempted to set fire to No. 77, Wing Lok Street. (The second count alleges conspiracy to defraud or injure, while the third count charges them with setting fire to a bed in such circumstances that had the building been set on fire it would have amounted to a felony.)

Objection to Juror.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Martin, of Messrs. Donsons, is defending.

When the name of Watt Lun was called for the jury, Mr. Jenkin objected and the objection was allowed. His Lordship said he wanted it to be clearly understood that the objection was, in no way, a reflection on Watt Lun's name. He would be asked to serve on a future date at the Sessions.

Case for Crown.

In outlining the case for the Crown, Mr. Fitzroy said that there was a deliberate attempt to set fire to the building, that it was carefully planned and arranged, and that accused conspired together to do it.

Counsel went on to explain how, on July 8, three men, second accused being one, interviewed the owner of the building and rented it, and how, as soon as they took possession, they set to work to prepare for the fire. They pulled down a staircase and proceeded to close up the ground floor as, apparently, they did not want a means of communication between the ground floor and the upper floors. Tiles were ripped up, making wooden floors visible underneath, and, eventually, there was no light in the room at all, except for a small space four or five inches along on one side.

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LOCAL OBITUARY.

LANCE SERGT. POST AND ARMY CHAPLAIN.

The death of Lance Sergeant Post, occurred shortly after 2.30 a.m. yesterday at the Government Civil Hospital.

On Christmas Day, he was riding a motor-cycle, when, it is be- lieved, it skidded over some loose sand, swerved and ran into a wall at Lower Albert Road. Sgt. Post received serious head injuries and, discovered lying unconscious by a foreign resident, was taken to Hospital. He did not recover full consciousness after the acci- dent.

Of a happy disposition, the late Sergeant Post was genuinely liked by all and a popular officer. He joined the Force three years ago, and was for a time attached to the Central Division before being transferred to the Traffic Depart- ment. Since March he had car- ried out the duties of a traffic patrol officer, winning approval for being an efficient driver. His death at the age of 26 years has cut short a promising career.

Sgt. Post leaves a brother, Act- ing Sub-Inspector E. A. Post, of the Wanchai Station, and his mother, who lives in Kent.

The funeral took place last evening. Leaving the Mortuary, whither the remains were trans- ferred for the purpose of a post- mortem examination, the official procession, formed by a detach- ment of fellow-officers drawing a gun-carriage on which reposed the coffin, reached the Protestant Cemetery at 6 o'clock. From the gate to the graveside, the coffin was borne by six comrades, these being Lance Sergeants R. Paton, J. Brown, W. MacHardy, A. Graves, A. McInnes and W. Wil- liamson. The chief mourner was deceased's brother, Acting Sub- Inspector E. A. Post.

The service at the graveside was performed by the Rev. G. T. Waldergrave.

Those present included the In- spector General of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.), Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., (D.S.P. Hongkong), Mr. W. La Bart Sparrow, A.S.P. (K.); Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P.; Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P.; Mr. A. N. Reynolds, C.D.I.; Insp. A. R. Clarke, Detective-Inspector; Fallon Insp. C. F. Alexander, Insp. W. Shannon, Insp. K. W. Andrew, Insp. T. Marks, Insp. J. Murphy, Insp. Stimson, Insp. J. Moss, Messrs. A. W. Grimmett, T. Doh, A. J. C. Taylor, W. E. Holland, F. H. W. Haynes, S. Logan, B. C. K. Hall and many others.

There was a wealth of wreaths, these being from deceased's brother, Anne and Arthur, Bill, Daisy and husband, Eric, Bill and family, Dan, Ernie, Flo, Ern and family, Gladys and Ted, George, Jack, Leith Strelly, Maud, Dick and family, and "A Friend."

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., (Inspector General of Police), Mr. T. H. King, (Deputy Inspector General of Police), Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., (D.S.P. Hong- kong), Mr. W. La Bart Sparrow, A.S.P. (K.), Inspector C. F. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hynes, Mr. and Mrs. W. Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. R. Marks, Sub-Inspector and Mrs. Fraser, Inspector and Mrs. A. R. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. T. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Grimmett and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Donovan, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. S. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Booker and family, Inspector and Mrs. W. R. McWalker, Mr. and Mrs. Kerrison and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Glendinning, Mr. and Mrs. C. Blandell, Sgt. and Mrs. S. J. Bradell, Sub-Inspector and Mrs. Hoare, Sub-Inspector and Mrs. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Maier, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Darkin, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Andrew, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Armitt, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. B. Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hollidge, Mr. and Mrs. Tuckett, Inspector and Mrs. Stimson, Sub-Inspector and Mrs. McEllen, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. May, Insp. and Mrs. J. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. W. A.

THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

A LEAGUE OF NATIONS COMMISSION HERE.

The Commission of Enquiry into the Traffic in Women and Children in the East arrived in Hongkong on Saturday, and is staying at the Peninsula Hotel.

The League of Nations has en- trusted this enquiry in the coun- tries of the East to a Travelling Commission of three Members. They are: Mr. Bascom Johnson, American, Chairman; Dr. Alma Sundquist, Swedish; and Mr. Karol Pindor, Polish. Mr. Bascom John- son carried out the previous en- quiry in Europe and America; Madame Sundquist is a well-known physician who has specially inter- ested herself in women's social questions in her own country; and Mr. Pindor is a diplomat who has spent 25 years of his life in vari- ous Asiatic countries.

In each of the countries to be visited the Government has ap- pointed an official representative who will receive the Commission and act as the channel through which all official information will be obtained.

At the end of October the Com- mission arrived in the East where it intends to spend 18 months visit- ing the various countries and con- ducting its enquiry.

On its return to Geneva the Com- mission will draw up a report for submission to the League of Na- tions giving the results of its en- quiry. Thus the information col- lected at Geneva will cover the greater part of the world and may lead to the introduction of further steps designed to ensure the better protection of women and children throughout the world.

Any person or organisation wishing to meet the Commission during its stay in Hongkong should communicate with the Secretary, Mr. W. von Schmieden, at the Peninsula Hotel.

Russell, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pratt and Gwen, Mr. and Miss Stevens. Messrs. Bill Stewart, J. Bright, M. J. Flattery, T. McInnes, M. Murphy, R. D. Paton, S. C. Saun- ders, J. J. Walsh, W. Ward, L. Whant, W. H. Whittaker, Mac- namara, Bentley and Helmsley, Brittain and Russell, C. T. Byron, L. K. George, A. Kinnear, J. Moss, H. Mackey, W. Harris, Scott and Miss Elsie Smith.

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Military Chaplain.

The death of the Rev. W. F. Crothwait, M.C., M.A., C.F. (Chaplain 3rd. Class), occurred at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, shortly after 9 a.m. yester- day. He had been in hospital for some weeks prior to his death, and had been suffering from valvular disease of the heart, be- ing dangerously ill for some time. His death was not entirely un- expected.

Rev. Mr. Crothwait made many friends since he arrived in the Colony early in July of this year. He was 41 years of age, and was first commissioned as a Chaplain to the Forces in June, 1916, being confirmed as Chaplain, 4th. Class in November, 1919. He served in France and Belgium for more

"PATRIOTIC DUTY."

MR. LLOYD GEORGE SPEAKS ON LIBERAL POLICY.

London, Dec. 27.

A significant statement was made by Mr. Lloyd George in reply to the Rt. Hon. Vernon Hartshorn, Lord Privy Seal, who complained of Mr. Lloyd George's criticism of his (Hartshorn's) figures with regard to the number of men employed under the public works schemes.

Mr. Lloyd George says that Liberals deem that they are dis- charging a patriotic duty in doing their best to avert the risk of the restoration of the "oldwin Govern- ment to power. "That is why they wish this Government be given an- other chance of pulling themselves together and taking their job in earnest. But unless they do so, then, with the best will in the world for their continuance in office, they cannot be kept there very much longer by any Parliament with a sense of responsibility.—Reuter.

than two years, and was wounded, being awarded the Military Cross.

After the war, he served with the British Army of the Rhine, and later in Egypt, from which station he was posted to Hong- kong this year.

Mr. Crothwait, who was a na- tive of Dublin, was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and was a married man. A particularly poignant feature of his death is that he leaves a widow and small daughter, who are at present in Devonshire.

Arrangements regarding the funeral have not yet been decided, but, in the event of the body not being sent home for burial, it is expected that the funeral will take place to-morrow morning. A service will probably be conducted at St. John's Cathedral in case the remains are to be sent home, other- wise the service will most likely be held at the cemetery chapel.

Funeral of Inspector Savage.

Many officers of the Sanitary Board and Health Department at- tended the funeral of Sanitary Inspector Savage on Saturday afternoon. Six St. John Ambu- lance men of the Kowloon Division, of which Mr. Savage was Divi- sional Superintendent, walked at the side of the hearse, and there were many others in uniform.

Mr. G. W. R. Griggs was chief mourner, and others who were present included Mr. G. R. Saye, (Head of Sanitary Department), Mr. J. H. Gelling (Secretary) and Mr. J. Hargreaves (Assistant Secretary). Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. W. J. Carrie, Mr. C. E. Frith, (Chief Sanitary Inspector), Dr. Begbie, Senior Inspector Taylor and Sanitary Inspectors Hooper, Lacey, Bralley, Brewar, Clark, Foster, Woolley and Lockhart, Messrs. Jones, Bolt, Watson, Morley and Brockbanks from the Public Works Department, and Chief Inspector A. R. Clark and Inspector J. Murphy.

The coffin, covered with a Union Jack, was carried by Sanitary In- spectors Wood, Knight, Old, Kerri- son, Strange and Reed. The offi- ciating clergyman was Very Rev. Dean A. Swann assisted by Rev. H. V. Koop.

Many members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade were present with Mr. A. Morris, District Superintendent in Charge. They included Mr. J. Ralston (senior corps officer) and Messrs. T. K. Chuk, Sze To, M. A. Khan, A. H. Rumjahn, Fan Shiu-nam and Lam Wing-kam, and Mrs. R. Langley, hon. secretary of the Brigade and ambulance officer of the Victoria Nursing Division.

There was a profusion of wreaths, among them being those from:—Headmaster and Staff, King's College, President and members Kowloon Cricket Club, Members of the Royal Naval Yard, Police Inspectors and Sergeants No. 1 Police Station, All the In- spectors Kowloon, Members of the Police Recreation Club, Members of the Civil Service Cricket Club, J. S. Lee & Co., Warrant Officers and Sergeants, R.A.M.C., Officers

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FRIDAY, WILL YA?

OUTA ORDER



On the occasion of the thirteenth anniversary of the Finnish Republic, a reception was held in Shanghai, at the Consulate-General for Finland. There was a large attendance of diplomatic, consular, and Chinese nationals, who honoured the toast given to the Republic of Finland by Mr. K. G. Wahamaki, Charge d'Affaires.



A happy Christmas picture taken in Shanghai, showing Miss Lillian Roth dreaming of St. Nicholas and wondering what is the use of a sledge without snow.



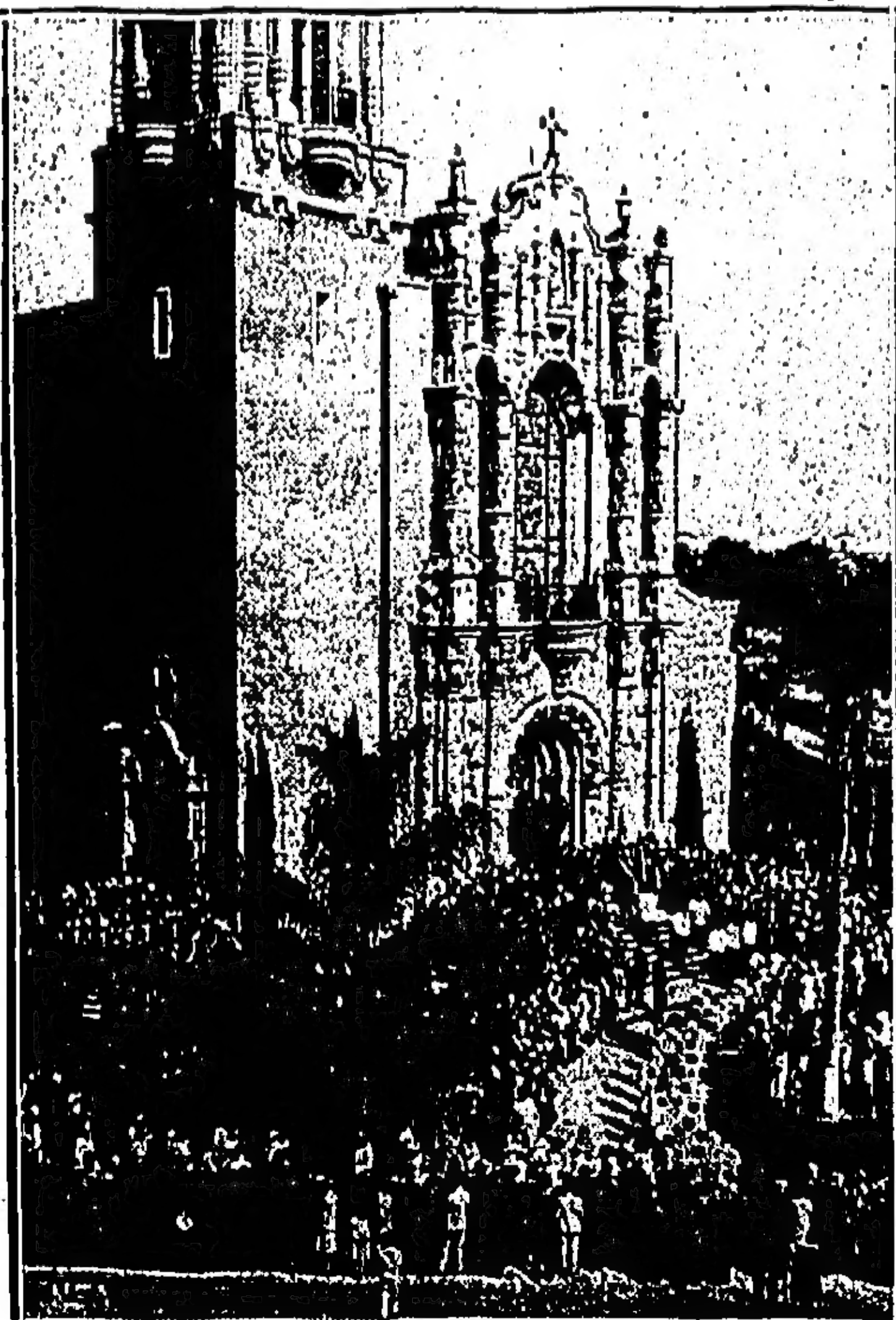
Captain Alton Parker, awarded the D. F. C. for his work on the Byrd expedition.



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The "Firm" Lodge, R.A.O.B., No. 5285 (G.L.E.) held a farewell dinner at the Strand Hotel Shanghai recently when the above picture was taken. The committee in charge was composed of: Messrs. G. Cowley, resident; J. Bullock, S. Dyke, D. Chelms, A. Honshai and G. Taylor.



The Church of St. Vincent de Paul erected at Los Angeles at the cost of \$1,500,000 entirely borne by Mr. E. L. Doheny, was consecrated recently. Our picture shows the crowds at the church during the ceremony.



A new picture of the Oklahoma City gusher.



Miss Kathleen Greenwood, daughter of the Rt. Hon. Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister of Health in Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's government, is now playing leading roles in British talking picture productions.



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BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with ordinance No. 5, of 1912, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Thursday, 1st of January, 1931 (New Year's Day).
Hongkong, 24th December, 1930.

NOTICE.

Owing to the increased cost of imported coal, which is the principal item in the Company's operations, and to an increase in wages due to the higher cost of living, we are compelled to increase our charge by 10% from 1st January next.

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The Public is hereby notified that on and from the 1st January, 1931, all local and joint sectional fares on this railway will be revised.

The new scale of fares may be seen at any local railway station.

By Order

ROBERT BAKER,
Manager & Chief Engineer.
Kowloon, 29th December, 1930.

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

A meeting of graduates will be held in the Great Hall of the University at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday, the 14th January, 1931. The purpose of the meeting over which the Hon. Foo Ping Sheung has consented to preside is to consider the creation of a Hongkong University Graduates' Association. The Vice Chancellor will be at home in the Great Hall from 4.15 to 5.15 p.m.

STANLEY V. BOXER,
Acting Registrar.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1930.

HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR
THE PROTECTION OF
CHILDREN.

REMINDER.

The Annual Meeting is to be at 5.15 p.m. at the City Hall on 30th December.

It is earnestly hoped that all members will attend.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel (First Floor), Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 29th day of December, 1930 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions viz:—

(1) That the authorised capital of the Company (which is now \$1,500,000 consisting of 150,000 shares fully paid up of the nominal value of \$10.00 per share all of which have been issued) be increased from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000 (consisting of 300,000 shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each) by the creation of 150,000 additional new shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each.

(2) (a) That 50,000 of the said 150,000 new shares be offered forthwith (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of three issued shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on the 29th day of December, 1930 are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 150,000 issued shares at a premium of \$2.50 per share and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal value due in respect of such new shares plus the said premium of \$2.50 per share (making \$12.50 per share) shall be payable in full. Such new shares shall rank for dividend as from the respective dates of allotment and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued capital.

(b) That such offer as aforesaid be made by notice specifying the number of new shares to which the member is entitled and limiting the time or times within which the offer if not accepted by the member either on behalf of such member or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and the Directors be at liberty to fix such respective times and to extend such times to such date or dates and upon such terms as they may think fit and further that any of the said 50,000 new shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

(c) That no shareholder shall be entitled to claim for a fraction of an additional new share in respect of any odd share held by him.

(d) That the remaining 100,000 new shares constituting the Company's unissued capital be issued at such time or times in such manner and for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may decide.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Register of members of the Company will be closed from the 22nd to 29th December, 1930, inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
Dated this 13th day of December, 1930.

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Chartered Bank, \$1.74 n.
Mercantile A. & B., \$2.71 n.
East Asiatic \$1.15 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1.230 n.
Union Ins., \$5.25 ca.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
China Underwriters, \$3.15 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Fire, \$450 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1215 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$28 3/4 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$30.50 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$24 n.
Union Waterboats, \$39 n.

Mining.

Benguels, \$11.10 n.
Kailans, 28/9 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 1 b.
Raub, \$34 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$172 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$30 b.
China Providents, \$5.30 n. (old).
Hongkew, Tls. 284 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 7.10 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 114 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$11.70 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 79 1/4 (old) n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$12.30 b.
H. K. Land, \$84 1/4 b. (old).
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Humphreys, \$17.65 b.
Realities, \$3.40 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 1/4 n.
Star Ferries \$94 1/4 n.
China Lights, (old) \$25.10 n.
H. K. Electric, \$32 s.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones \$35 1/2 n.
China Buses, Tls. 19.60 n.
Singapore Traction, 7/6 n.

Industrials.

China Sugar, 80 cts. b.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald: Macg. Ord: Tls. 10.75 n.
Canton Ice, \$5.50 s.
Cements (Comb) \$17.85 b.
Ropes, \$11.35 b.
United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$27.75 n.
Walsons, \$12.75 s.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$3.70 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 b.
Sinceres, \$11.60 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$23 n.
Constructions, \$4.50 b.
B' que Ind. G. Bonds, \$70 s.
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THE BOOKSHELF.

CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT
OF INDIA.

No student of modern movements and tendencies should overlook the Library of Contemporary Thought, published by Williams and Norgate, Ltd., London, at 5s. net per volume. Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and China, India and Germany have already been covered by issues of this series, and there are in preparation volumes on America and the Countries of Northern Europe. All are the work of writers fully qualified to deal with the several countries. The latest "Contemporary Thought of India," by A. C. Underwood, M.A., D.D., principal of Rawdon College, Leeds, and formerly Professor in Serampore College, Bengal. The volume could appear at no more propitious moment than the present, when Indian questions loom so largely, and in this volume Dr. Underwood gives the world the benefit of a wide knowledge and observing mind on all aspects of India's problems. The book is divided into three sections which deal respectively with political, social and religious considerations, and under all headings there is ample evidence of the care which the author has taken to collate his knowledge and views and present them as a complete whole. Indian mentality is studiously analysed, and the trend of Indian philosophic thought is lucidly revealed.

Dealing with the extremists, the author has some telling words on their fundamental defect, revealed in the fact that they are doctrinaire and display many of the symptoms of political adolescence. "They are," he says, "blind to the many difficulties in the situation and count in days while British politicians count in years. They evolve formulas that have no relation to reality and think that Constitutions can be made and new forms of government instituted with the ease that a cheque is signed." In a chapter of present-day Hinduism, Dr. Underwood records as a matter of sober history the fact that the movement for social reform did not arise within Hinduism until after it had come into contact with Christianity. "If we may define ideas as the highest conceptions of thought, and ideals as the highest conceptions of actions," he says, "we may say that the ideas of India are Hindu, but its ideals are largely Christian." This point is developed to some length, and not the least interesting chapters are those which show how the reaction of Hinduism to Christmas influences works out in the thought of such distinguished Indians as Tagore, Gandhi and Professor S. Radhakrishnan.

Current Fiction.

One of the most thought-provoking novels which we have encountered for some time is "The Eternal Journey," by Ethel Lina White, which is included in Messrs. Ward, Lock and Company's Colonial Library series. The theme is that of a "continued" life, as it were. The heroine in the prologue, dated 1794, has her character and fate continued in the personality of descendants in 1930 and again in 2331. Apart from the general excellence of the story, there is much food for thought in the development of the theme, and few will be able to lay aside this volume after once starting it until the final page is reached. It is a book of unusual power; indeed in some respects it is worthy to be classed amongst some of the greater novels.

"Half a Clue," by J. Russell Warren, also published by Ward, Lock and Co., is of a totally different type. This is a real thriller, in which the reader's interest is held from start to finish as the search is made for a torn piece of paper half of which is found in the grip of a dead man and the rest of which is known to throw light on the hiding place of important documents. The story is laid in Cornwall, and all manner of exciting incidents occur before the missing documents are discovered. There is humour as well as tragedy as the story unfolds. Those who like this type of novel, which is well written, will find "Half a Clue" of absorbing interest.

CHINA'S LATEST
GOODS TAX.TO PREVENT DUMPING OF
IMPORTS.

Nanking, Dec. 28.
With the object of preventing "dumping" of certain classes of foreign goods in China, the Legislative Council has referred to the Government a proposal for a special tax to be collected on goods shipped to China to be sold at unreasonably low prices, thereby competing with similar products. The Government's approval is expected.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this. Christmas and New Year greetings are now accepted by Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio. Full particulars on application.

INWARD MAILS.

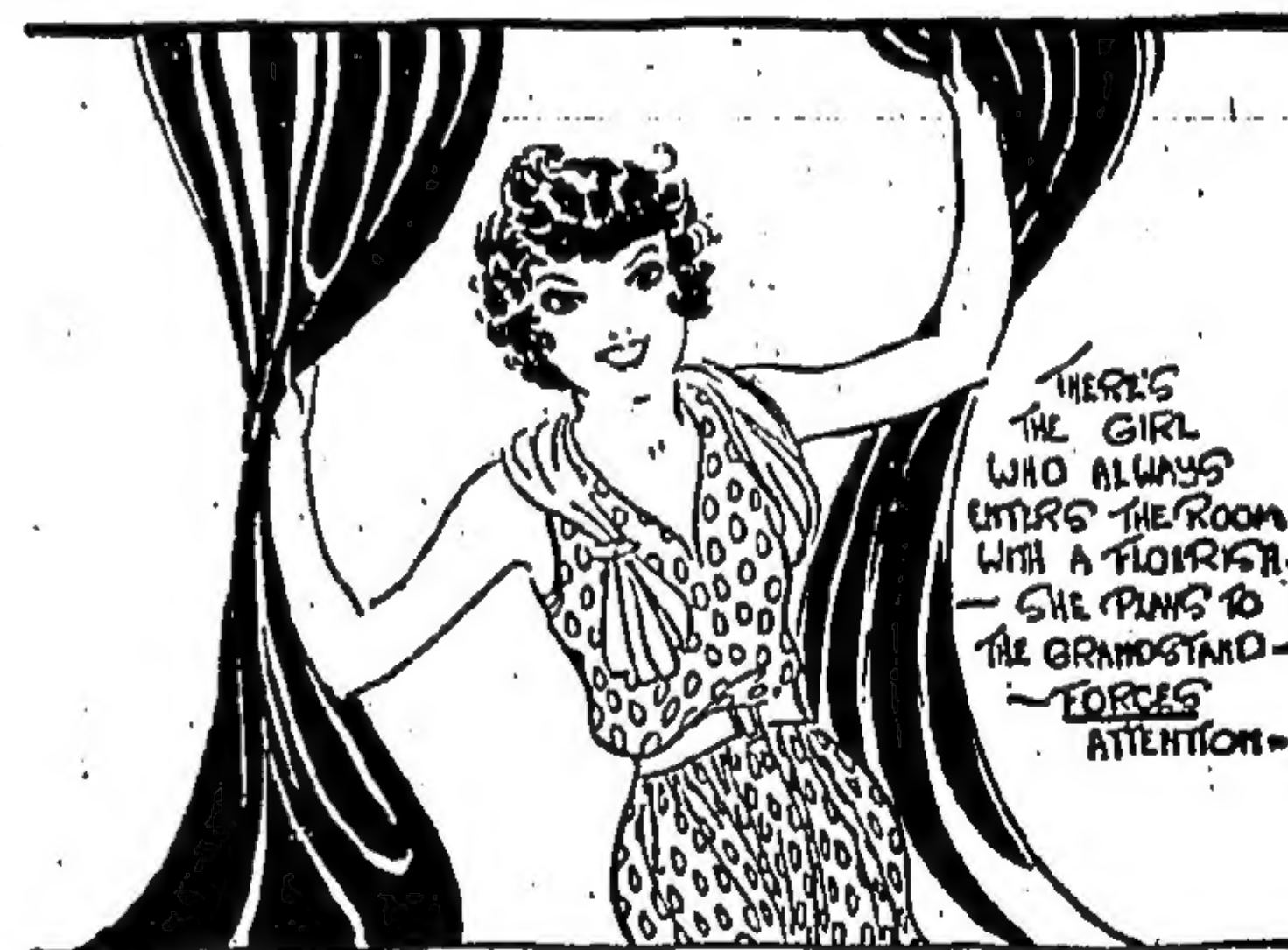
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Java	Tjiboda	December 29.
Japan	Montevideo Maru	December 29.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. 6th December.)	Emps. of Russia	December 29.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 5th Dec.)	Pros Cleveland	December 29.
Europe via Siberia (London 8th Dec.)	St. Albans	December 30.
Japan	Tjikombang	December 31.
Java and Manila	Cromer	December 31.
Amoy and Swatow	Maurice Long	December 31.
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OUTWARD MAILS.

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For	Date and Time
Straits and Calcutta	Namsang Mon., Dec. 29.
	Parcels 3 p.m.
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Swatow	Hydrangea Mon., Dec. 29, 3 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Lincoln Mon., Dec. 29.
	Parcels 3 p.m.
	Registration 4.15 p.m.
	Letters 5 p.m.
San Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning Mon., Dec. 29, 4 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Lincoln Mon., Dec. 29.
	Registration 5 p.m.
	Letters 6 p.m.
Amoy	Linan Mon., Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Hosang Mon., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa and *South American Ports	Montevideo Maru Tues., Dec. 30, 9.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjileboet Tues., Dec. 30, 10.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hailiang Tues., Dec. 30, 1 p.m.
Manila	Emps. of Russia Tues., Dec. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan Wed., Dec. 31, 3.30 p.m.
Holhow and Haiphong	New Mathilde Wed., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Lee Sang Wed., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Cebu	Jason Wed., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco and Siberia	Tatuta Maru Thurs., Jan. 1.
	Registration Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
	Letters Jan. 1, 8.30 a.m.
	(Duo San Francisco 22nd January).
Straits	Cremor Thurs., Jan. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Manila Rabaul Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	St. Albans Fri., Jan. 2, 1931.
	Parcels 11 a.m.
	Reg. 12.45 p.m.
	Letters 1.30 p.m.
	(Duo Brisbane 19th Jan. 1931).
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning Fri., Jan. 2, 2 p.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang Sat., Jan. 3, 10 a.m.

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LOCAL CRICKET.

ARMY DEFEAT CLUB IN ANNUAL FIXTURE.

League cricket had another Saturday off over the week-end, not one match being played, although there were several friendly games, chief of which was the Club-Army annual two-day fixture, which resulted in a victory for the latter team by 23 runs after the civilians had had the upper hand for the most part of the game.

In the annual triangular tournament between the Club, Army and Navy, the Club-Army tie, which commenced on Friday, was resumed on Saturday morning and ended in a victory for the military team by 23 runs.

The Club had the upper hand for the most part of the game but failed to withstand the Army attack when they obtained 131 runs for a victory. Sir Williams, of the Royal Corps of Signals, bowled extremely well towards the end of the game, and returned an analysis of seven wickets for 33. He was chiefly responsible for the collapse of the Club in their second innings, his fast deliveries causing no little trouble to the Club batsmen.

The Army knocked up 213 runs in their first innings and when stumps were drawn on Friday, the Club had brought their score to 140 for five wickets. Pearce (52) and Mitchell (61) resumed the Club's innings on Saturday morning, but the former did not stay long. He added another 12 to his over-night score before being held by Dewar Durie, off Munsion.

Things did not look very bright for the Club at this stage, but a plucky, if somewhat lucky, innings of 37 runs when the last wicket fell.

Good bowling by Bowler and Reed was responsible for the failure of the Army batsmen and only a stand by Lt. Waring (28) and Pte. Salmon (60 not out) saved them from a total collapse. In their last-wicket partnership, these two added 79 runs to the Army score, which stood at 167 when the innings closed.

Set to get 131 runs in the first innings, the Club were generally expected to knock off the required runs for victory, but could do no better than put up 101 runs. Pearce was again the principal contributor with 27. Snyder (27) and Miers (20) being the only others to reach double figures.

Two second division bowlers in Fry and Williams captured all 10 wickets between them, the former taking three for 28 and the latter seven for 33.

UNDERGRADUATES WIN. League Game Changed to a Friendly.

The University entertained the Civil Service Cricket Club at Pokfulam and won by 25 runs. Batting first, the home team knocked up 144 runs for eight wickets when the Queen's Theatre, Haines is again the cocky self-assured young blood, in this case just out of college, who has to carve out a career for himself. A transformation of mentality is shown brought about in Haines by the tragic death of his father, whom, the responsibility for the upkeep of his brothers and sisters, on his shoulders. Haines is seen mending the errors of his ways. Good fortune brings in his way an opportunity to make good. How he clinches with this, chance, and wins his girl at the eleventh hour closes a story which is not without its humour and pathos.

Haines is not all comedian. In this picture he also does some good straight acting.

Playing with two men short, the Police R.C. played the Royal Army Service Corps at Sookumpoo and lost by 19 runs in a low-scoring game. The home team knocked up 85 but the Police failed to pass this score, being all out for 66. Booker and Hunter were joint top-scorers with 21 each.

Queen's College v L.R.C. 2nd XI. A good game was played at Sookumpoo between the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI and Queen's College, the former winning by three wickets. The school-boys batted first and just topped the century, a stylish knock for 41 by A. R. Sullivan being the chief feature of their innings. The Indians opened very shakily, and some score-bowling, backed up by keen fielding, sent the first few batsmen back to the pavilion for only a few runs. The "tail", however, started wagging and the required runs were made with three wickets in hand.

CINEMA NOTES.

RAMON NOVARRO IN "IN GAY MADRID."

The colour and romantic flavour usually associated with the pictures of Ramon Novarro are again to be found in profusion in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Star's latest all-talking and singing production, "In Gay Madrid," which will open on Wednesday at the Queen's Theatre.

Laid in a picturesque setting with gay Spanish costumes and charming music, the story tells of Ricardo, son of the Marquis de Castelar, who because of his wild escapades in Madrid with the dancer Goyita, is sent to a small university at Santiago where he promptly falls in love with the beautiful Carmita. His father favours the match and they are about to announce their engagement when the jealous Goyita comes from Madrid, hides herself in Ricardo's room and is subsequently discovered in his bed. The climax results with Carmita's further challenges Ricardo to a duel to avenge the insult and almost kills him. But the complications are cleared up and all's well that ends well.

Novarro as the rollicking Ricardo gives a dashing, romantic performance, while the scene of his father making himself even more apparent than in "Devil May Care." His appealing personality makes his songs seem doubly charming, the young Latin having a certain knack of putting over intimate melodies which accounts for no small amount of his attraction. "Dark Night," "Let Me Give You Love," "Santitas," "Into My Heart," "Wine, Woman and Song" and "Smile Comrades" are all splendid numbers.

"Captain of the Guard" is an all-round super-feature, directed by John Robertson, which features the historic march of the men of Marseilles who arrived in Paris just in time to turn the tide of Victory, are the climax of the picture. Laura La Plante as "The Torch," the flaming girl leader of the revolutionists, and John Boles, the golden voice of the screen, are co-starred in roles which give both of them the utmost opportunity for the greatest portrayals in their careers.

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LOCAL RADIO.

DANCE PROGRAMME FOR TO-NIGHT.

To-day's radio programme to be broadcast by 2 P.M. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres: 5.00 p.m. Chinese Programme. (Studio Concert).

7.00 p.m. European Programme of Columbia Records Selected and Supplied by Messrs. Anderson and Co. 7.00-7.35 p.m. Musical Comedy. The Singing Fool-Selections.

Debroy Somers Band. 9754. This Year of Grace-Selections. London Pavilion Orch. 9467. Hit The Deck-Selections. London Hippodrome Orchestra. 9284. That's A Good Girl-Let Yourself Go. That's A Good Girl-Chirp Chirp. The Kettner Five. 9149.

7.35-8.15 p.m. Variety. Band-The Empire Parade. The National Military Band. 177. Song-When My Dreams Come True. Song-Orange Blossom Time. Gerald Adams (Tenor). 9445. Song-Jogging Along Behind The Old Grey Mare. Song-A Little Bungalow. Bobby Grey and Whispering Chorus. 9118.

Accordian Trio-Light Cavalry. Overture. The Bros. Dorey. 9397. Chorus-Chorus Hits of Yesterday. The Jolly Old Fellows. 9424. Humorous Song-Who Was The Belle of the Ball. Humorous Song-Twelve and A Tanner's Bottle. Will Effe. 9290.

8.15-8.50 p.m. Operatic. Boris Godunov-Prologue. 9589. Boris Godunov-Paris and Chorus. 9590. Boris Godunov-La Polonaise. J. Ferrer and Chorus. 9590. The Bohemian Girl-Overture. The B. B. C. Wireless Symphony Orch. 9160. Maritana-Vocal Gems.

Clara Serena, Francis Russell, Denis Noble and Chorus. 9872. 8.50-9.00 p.m. The Rose-English Selections. H. M. Grenadier Guards. 9221. 9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc. 9.05-9.30 p.m. Orchestral. Sennen Cove. Court Symphony Orchestral. 9088. Ballet Egyptian-Allegro. Ballet Egyptian-Allegretto. Ballet Egyptian-Andante. Ballet Egyptian-Final.

Paris Symphony Orchestra. 9567. 9.30-11.30 p.m. Dance Programme. Fox Trot. 108. Waltz. 108. The Sacred Flame. 108. Fox Trot. 108. The Same As We Used To Do 140. Slow Fox Trot. 108. Don't Give Your Heart On Your Sleeve. 108. Fox Trot. 108. Over The Garden Wall. 132. One Step. 132. There's A Good Time Coming 132. Fox Trot. 133. June Kisses. 133. Fox Trot. 133. What's The Use Of Livin' With Out Love? 133. Fox Trot. 133. Happy Feet. 133. Fox Trot. 133. A Bench In The Park. 133. Fox Trot. 133. Say A Little Prayer For Me. 130. Fox Trot. 133. Californian Serenade. 133. One Step. 133. You'll Never Realize. 133. Fox Trot. 133. We've Got To Carry On. 133. Slow Fox Trot. 133. If Your Kisses Can't Hold The Man You Love. 124. Fox Trot. 133. The First Week-end In June. 133. Waltz. 133. Just An Old Refrain. 109. Waltz. 133. Somewhere In My Heart. 133. Fox Trot. 133. Your Sunny Disposition and Mine. 153. Fox Trot. 133. Town Party. 133. Fox Trot. 133. Where Can You Be. 133. Waltz. 133. Can This Be Love. 133. Fox Trot. 133. Frankie's Song. 133. Waltz. 133. Some Day I'll Find You. 133. The Same Old King. 133. Close Down. 133.

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HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The results of Saturday's Home football as cabled by Reuter are:

First Division.	
Arsenal	7 Blackpool
Aston Villa	7 Manchester U.
Blackburn	3 Liverpool
Chelsea	5 Grimsby
Derby	1 Leicester
Huddersfield	2 West Ham
Manchester C.	3 Sunderland
Middlesbrough	3 Bolton
Newcastle	1 Wednesday
Portsmouth	1 Leeds
Sheffield U.	3 Birmingham

Second Division.	
Barnsley	5 Port Vale
Bradford	4 Oldham
Bristol C.	1 West Brom.
Bury	2 Burnley
Cardiff	1 Swansea
Charlton	2 Bradford C.
Creighton	1 Plymouth
Reading	1 Tottenham
Southampton	2 Preston N.E.
Stoke	2 Millwall
Wolves	4 Notts. Forest

Third Division (South).	
Bournemouth	4 Swindon
Brentford	0 Luton
Brighton	5 Gillingham
Clapton O.	2 Walsall
Crystal Pal.	3 Southend
Northampton	1 Bristol R.
Norwich	1 Exeter
Notts. County	4 Coventry
Queens P.R.	1 Queen's P.R.
Torquay	3 Newport
Watford	2 Fulham

Third Division (North).	
Cardiff	0 Chesterfield
Crewe	2 Accrington
Doncaster	1 Gateshead
Hartlepool	2 Halifax
Hull	1 Stockport
Lincoln	4 New Brighton
Nelson	0 Rochdale
Tranmere	6 Barrow
Wigan	2 Darlington
York	1 Rotherham
Wrexham	2 South Port

First Division (Scottish).	
Airdrie	2 Morton
Ayr	1 Clyde
Celtic	3 Falkirk
Cowdenbath	1 Queen's Park
Dundee	2 East Fife
Heart of Midlothian	3 Rangers
Leith	0 Aberdeen
Motherwell	0 Hibernians
Partick	3 Kilmarnock
St. Mirren	4 Hamilton

*Not Played.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Wednesday	Yesterday.
Paris	123.695	123.695
Geneva	25.014	25.014
Berlin	20.374	20.374
Oslo	18.154	18.154
Helsingfors	193.074	193.074
Athens	375.074	375.074
Buenos Aires	365	365
Shanghai	1/64	1/64
New York	48.874	48.874
Amsterdam	12.054	12.054
Stockholm	18.114	18.114
Vienna	34.474	34.474
Madrid	45.60	45.60
Bucharest	8174	8174
Montevideo	365	365
Hongkong	1/14	1/14
Yokohama	34.75	34.75
Milan	92.724	92.724
Copenhagen	18.164	18.164
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Prague	163.370	163.370
Rio	4.11/18	4.11/18
Bombay	1/64	1/64
Yokohama	2/17/504	2/17/504
Silver (spot)	14.13/16	14.13/16
(forward)	143	141/16

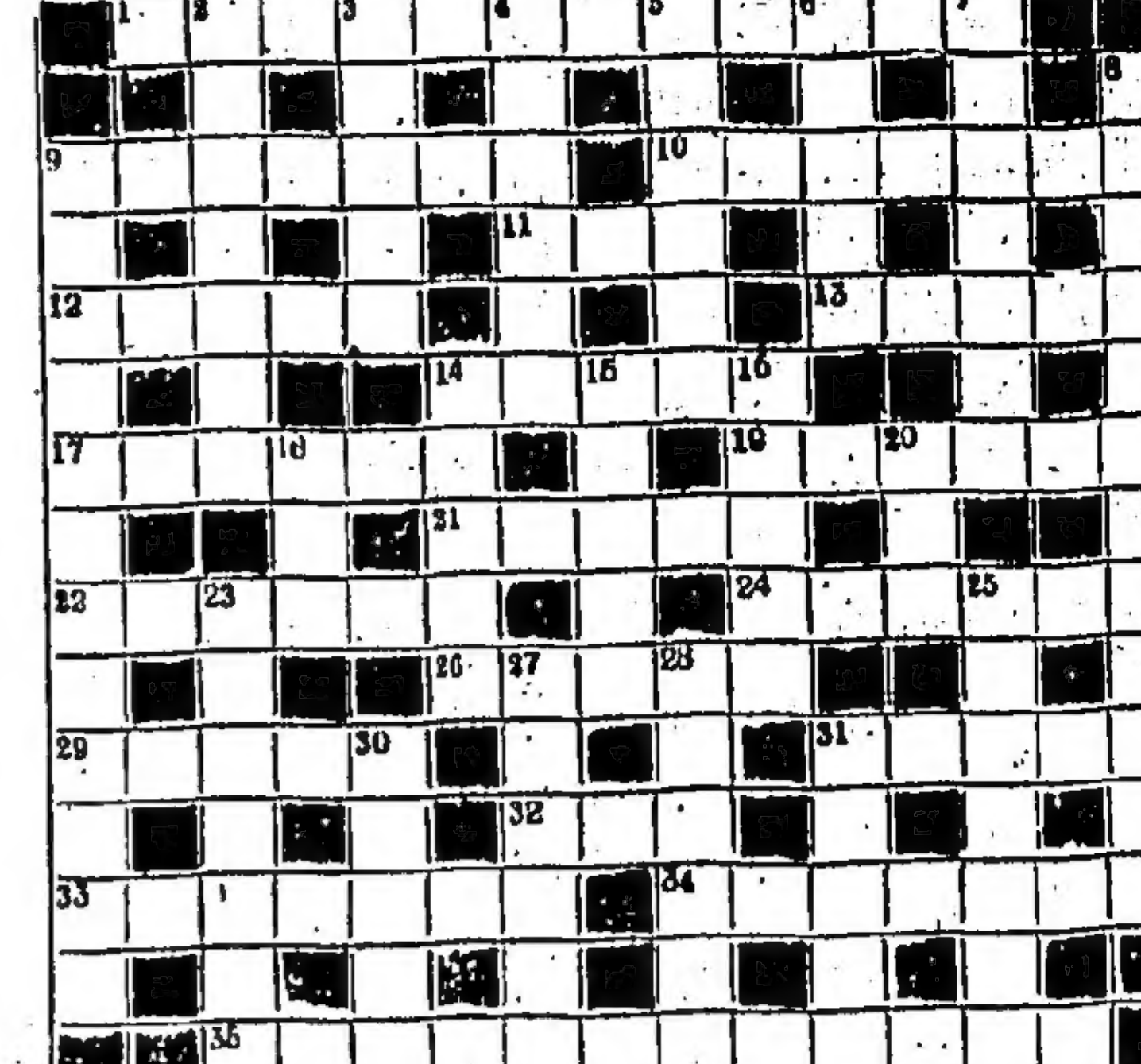
—British Wireless.

EX-GERMAN AIRSHIP.

FOR USE IN U.S. NAVY MANOEUVRES. Washington, Dec. 27. The United States Airship Los Angeles will be used for the first time for reconnoitring at the forthcoming exercises of the American fleet, starting in the Panama water on February 12.

When the Los Angeles was received from Germany, under agreement with the Allies, her use for military purposes was prohibited, but permission was recently secured to employ her in manoeuvres. —Reuter's American Service.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across
1 "Curious tire me," if they are merely showy (anag.).
9 What kind of fish would you be sure to catch in the engine of your car?
10 Usually worn on the finger nowadays—not on the thumb.
11 There is a thread in this fruit.
12 On the quiet river.
13 With great glee Charlie began to talk about the circus (hidden).
14 "Come cheer up, my lad! 'tis to glory we—" (Hearts of Oak).
17 Part of a foot. Soldiers never cross a bridge thus.
19 Money-lender.
21 Mixtures of various sorts.
22 Melted from the wad.
23 The patroness of comedy.
24 Its life is one long grind.
25 Vapours; with an extra hand, found near the sea.
31 A shoe may be this when one is placed between a pound and a penny.
32 May be found in Thermopylae.
33 A ragsman supplies a clue frequently used in these crosswords.
34 Put out in a stream.
35 "I need secrets"—a model of discretion (anag.).
Down
2 Might describe a circus ring.
3 Bring into active operation.
4 This went to the making of the only dish we know of in connection with Miss Muffet. Reversed it is always useful.
5 "Be not like dumb driven—I be a hero in the strife"—Longfellow, Psalm of Life.
6 This window projects from an upper story.
7 This cavalryman is a blood-thirsty soldier in France.

Saturday's Solution.

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C O B B L E I N V E S T
F A A B E E E
S E T D O W N A C R O B A T
T E T C A I N V E A
R O L L O B I S H O P I C
A F O L L E S E R K
S A D E N E A R N E S T L Y

A BOMBAY CLASH.

UNRULY MOB CHARGED BY THE POLICE.

Bombay, Dec. 28. Seventy-five people were injured in a series of police lathi charges on the Maidan, where a crowd assembled to participate in the ceremony of saluting the "national" flag. Police had previously dispersed the crowd but it reassembled in front of the Esplanade Police Court, which was stoned. Two police sergeants and 6 constables were slightly injured. The president and four members of the local Congress "war council", which is an unlawful body, and had organised the flag ceremony, were arrested. —Reuter.

EGYPTIAN FACTORIES.

STORY OF CRUELTY TO CHILD EMPLOYEES.

London, Dec. 27. The Daily Herald gives prominence to an article by Dame Adelade Anderson, D.B.E., in the International Labour Review, dealing with conditions in Egyptian spinning factories, wherein she alleges that children, some as young as 5½ years, are employed, and, spurred on by overseers with canes and whips, made to work long hours for wages as low as 10d a day, and are kept awake by the blowing of whistles and the clanking of irons. Children are also employed under very bad conditions in rug making and tent making. —Reuter.

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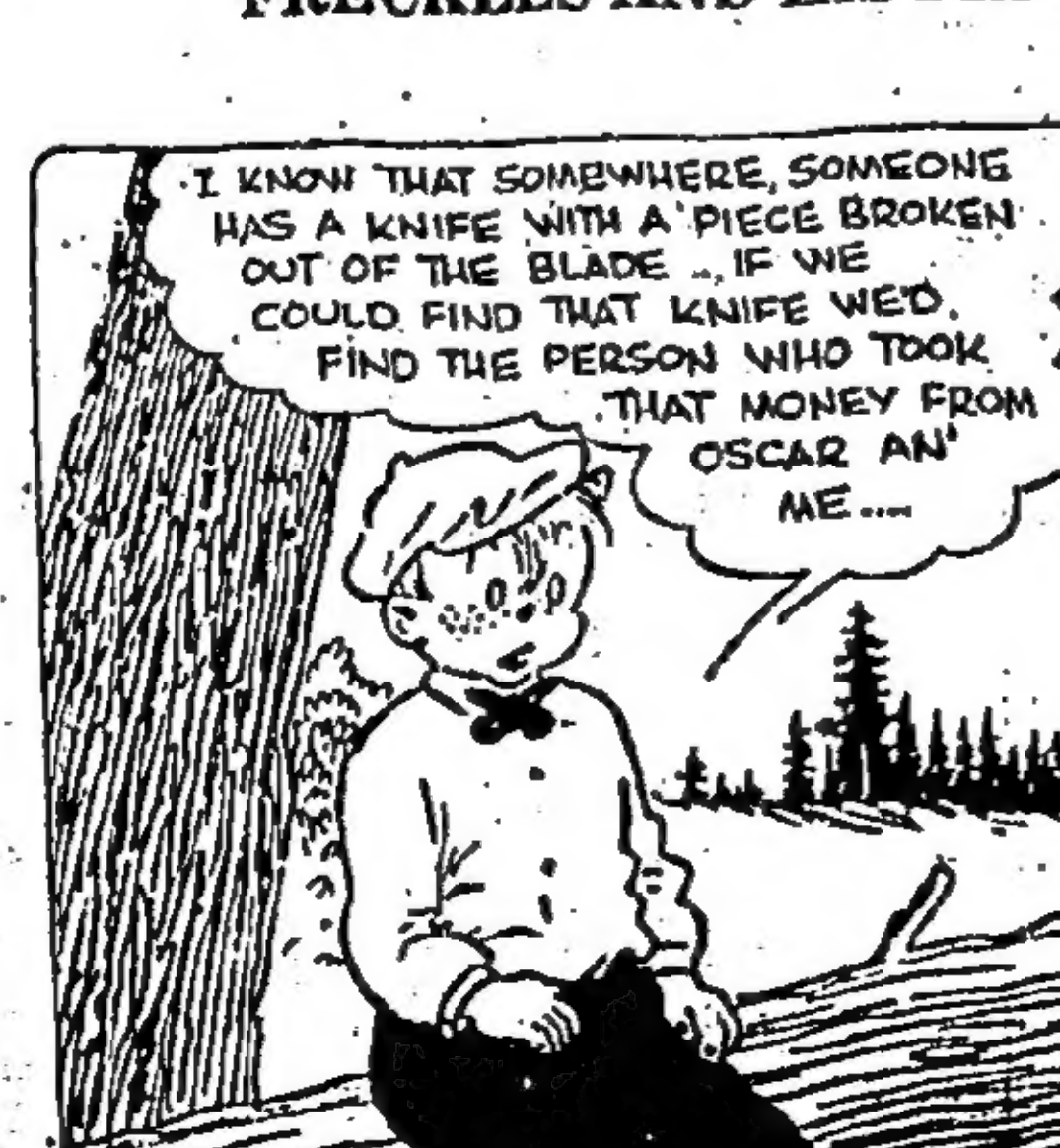
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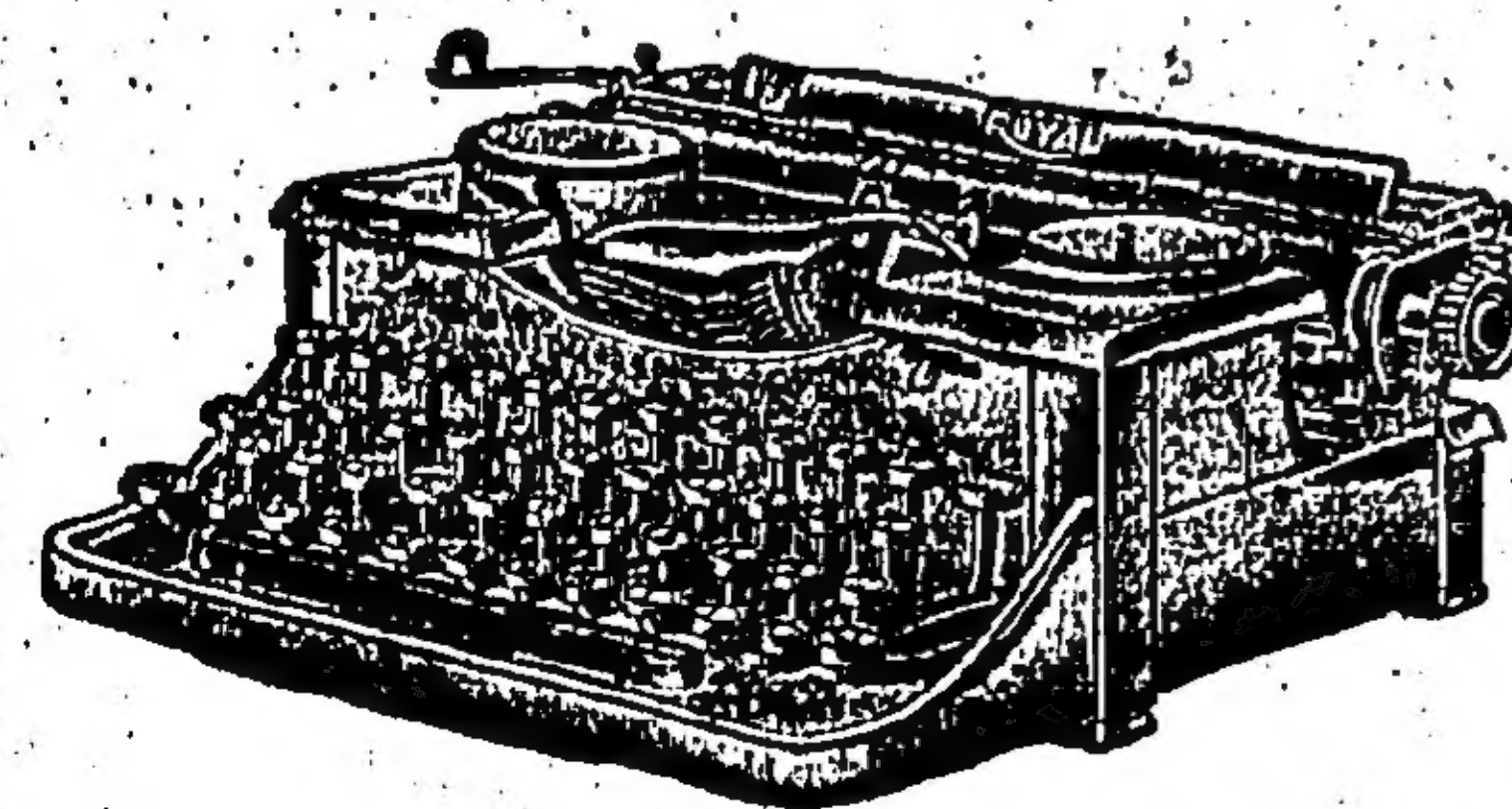
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DEATH.

SILVA.—On December 29th, 1930,
at 12.20 a.m. at 17, Jordan
Road, Kowloon, Mrs. Filomena
Fonseca da Silva, aged
88 years. Funeral will pass
the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-
day. (Shanghai, Macao and
Manila papers please copy).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, DEC. 29, 1930.

THE ALTERNATIVE VOTE.

In view of the fact that the
Alternative Vote has been included
in the Electoral Reform Bill
which is to engage the attention of
the House of Commons early in
the New Year, it will be of
interest to see precisely what
this new method in British
elections will involve. In a letter
which he addressed to the Prime
Minister in July last, after the
failure of the conference on electoral
reform over which he pre-
sided, Lord Ullswater set forth this
position in detail. He explained
that there was no subject connect-
ed with politics which had given
greater dissatisfaction than the
fact that individual constituents
in large numbers had the majority
of their voters' views lost. The
Alternative Vote, he thought, ap-
peared to be a step in the direction
of allaying that dissatisfaction.
A further point made was that the
proposal for the Alternative Vote
had suffered from being mixed up
too much with Proportional Repre-
sentation, though from one point
of view the two are essentially
different. The object of Proportional
Representation is to provide
against the under-representation
or non-representation of minorities,
but the object of the Alterna-
tive Vote is to provide against
the under-representation or non-
representation of majorities.

In showing how the Alterna-
tive Vote would work, Lord Ullswater
says the method would be the
simple and familiar one of making
a short list of the two highest
candidates on the poll. The posi-
tion of the voter exercising the
Alternative Vote might at first
appear to raise a stiff psychological
problem, but all such difficul-
ties quickly disappear. Illustrat-
ing the point, Lord Ullswater takes
a case where there are three can-
didates—A, B, and C—and a voter
who favours C. If the voter for
C, is put in this position: He
says, "I approve of C, and he gets
my first vote but I may fail; C may
not even get into the short list.
I sincerely disapprove of the poli-

tics of A and also of those of B.
What then am I to do? I think my
position must be that, seeing that
I disapprove of the politics of both,
I should judge between them on
their merits apart from Parlia-
mentary politics. Into that
reckoning will come—local know-
ledge, local service, ability, attain-
ments, and most and best of all,
character and record. All those
things being dedicated to public
life, even although the man is not
of my way of political thinking,
make me feel that the life of the
country would be safer in the
hands of one of these men, say A,
rather than in those of B, of whom
I have a different opinion and
knowledge. Accordingly, if C (my
first vote) fails, then A shall have
my second vote, and I mark him
No. 2 on my voting paper." Lord
Ullswater thinks there is a much
larger proportion of the electorate
than is generally taken into account
that is moved by such considera-
tions, and he believes it is in this
region that the Alternative Vote,
which might be confusing to the
caucus, would be most beneficial
to the citizen and most wholesome
in public life.

Hitherto, there has been some
doubt as to whether there would be
many voters in the position of find-
ing their first choice not included
in the short list represented by A
and B, and Lord Ullswater has been
at pains to discover the approxi-
mate number of these uncommitted
voters. The actual number, he
finds, is close on two and a half
million people, and he submits that
it would be to the advantage of the
State to find a place within the
voting system for people in this
position. The result, he thinks,
would in all probability turn a
minority into a majority representa-
tion in every case. To allay the
dissatisfaction felt by those whose
votes are now of no account would
doubtless be an act of justice.
Considerations such as these have
no doubt been a factor in the Gov-
ernment deciding to incorporate the
Alternative Vote in the Bill which
is shortly to come up for considera-
tion.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Police Reserve Orders by the
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.,
Inspector General of Police, state:

General.
Revolver Practice.—There will
be no revolver practice at the
Kennedy Road Range on Wednes-
day, December 31st 1930.

Police Training School.
The weekly classes for Police
Reservists at the Police Training
School, Kowloon, will be held as
usual on Tuesday, December 30th
at 5.30 p.m. All members of the
Chinese Company, and of the
Flying Squad who have not yet
passed Part 2 of Training Course
should attend.

Chinese Company.
Mr. E. C. Mow Fung, A. S. P.
(R) relinquishes command of the
Chinese Company with effect
from December 31st 1930 and is
appointed to command the Emer-
gency Company, Hongkong Police
Reserve with effect from January
1st 1931.
The Inspector General of Police
wishes to express his appreciation
of the services rendered by Mr.
E. C. Mow Fung while command-
ing the Chinese Company of the
Hongkong Police Reserve.

Flying Squad.
Strength.—Sub Inspector B. C.
Randall relinquishes command of
the Flying Squad, Hong Kong
Police Reserve with effect from
December 31st 1930.

The Inspector General of Police
wishes to express his appreciation
of the services rendered by Mr.
B. C. Randall while commanding
the Flying Squad of the Hong Kong
Police Reserve.

Promotion.—Constable R333 A.
W. Mooney of the Hong Kong
Section has been appointed Lance
Sergeant, with effect from Decem-
ber 20th, 1930.

The next weekly instructional
patrol of the Kowloon Section will
take place on Tuesday, January
6th 1931. Fall in at Tsim-tsu-
tau Fire Brigade Station at 5.30
p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uni-
form and Cap with White Cover.

The next weekly instructional
patrol of the Hong Kong Section
will take place on Friday, January
2nd. Fall in at Central Police

DAY BY DAY

WE MUST KEEP OURSELVES UP TO
OUR BEST, OR WE SHALL GROW IN-
CAPABLE OF DOING OUR BEST.
Eleanor Root.

The Empress of Japan left Hon-
olulu on the 26th inst. and is due at
Hongkong on the 9th Jan.

The Ben Line s.s. Benledi, from
Home ports via Straits and Philip-
pines, is due here on January 16th.

Reclamation work has started off
Jubilee Street in connexion with
the proposed vehicular ferry
scheme.

Messrs. Macdonald & Co., the
well-known men's wear specialists,
have issued a handy little desk
calendar for the coming year.

Mr. H. S. Rouse has reported to
the police the theft of a signet
ring, valued at \$45, from a dress-
ing table at his residence at No. 2,
Chatham Road.

A desk key was found on the
Golf Course at Happy Valley yes-
terday. The owner is requested to
apply to Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P., at
Police Headquarters.

A stonebreaker was admitted in-
to hospital yesterday with injuries
to his left leg resulting from being
struck by a piece of rock during
blasting operations at Whitfield.

The police have received a re-
port that a push bicycle, valued at
\$80, belonging to Mr. C. Dalziel, of
No. 64, Arment Buildings, was
stolen yesterday while it was left
outside the house.

In Canton the press censorship,
which has been in force for over
a year, has been withdrawn since
the 25th inst., an order to this
effect having been issued by Gen-
eral Chan Chai-tong.

The report of the M.O.H. for five
days ended at midnight, shows that
one Chinese case of diphtheria, one
Chinese case of small-pox and one
case of meningitis have been re-
ported during the holidays.

Mr. Alexander Clark, Divisional
Inspector at Central Station, who
has been discharging the duties of
Chief Inspector in the absence of
Mr. P. Grant, who is away on short
leave, is going over to Yunnan
this week on transfer to that dis-
trict.

A fine of \$50, or one month's im-
prisonment, was imposed by Mr.
Butters, at Kowloon this morning,
on a Chinese who pleaded guilty to
a charge of loitering in the back-
yard of 614, Shanghai Street and
not being able to give a satisfac-
tory account of himself.

George Andrews, a ship's officer,
was to have appeared before Mr.
Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy
this morning, on a charge of hav-
ing behaved in a disorderly man-
ner by fighting in the Nathan Hotel
this morning. The defendant was
however, absent and his bail of \$10
was exonerated.

Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—
Winter Uniform and Cap with
White Cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.
Leave.—Constable R402 B. S. M.
Veleki has been granted 3 months
leave of absence from the Colony,
as from 31st December 1930.
(Sgd.) D. L. King.
D. S. P. (R)



"I hope you didn't come along just to keep me informed
on what the well-dressed sportsman should wear."

Another Criminal Instalment To-day! Really It's a Crime!

Ex-Detective Inspector LANE-NORCOTT tells THE STOLEN BATTLESHIP MYSTERY.

AT 11.20 p.m. on August 10th,
1886, a small but beautiful
girl named Maggie Richard-
son, the only sister of a prominent
chess editor vanished from her
home in Gorse Street, Margate. At
precisely the same moment, but in
Portsmouth, H.M.S. Aubrey, a
super-Dreadnought if ever there
was one, disappeared from her pri-
vate dock, known as "H.M.S. Au-
brey's Private Dock. Park No Old
Cargo Boats Here."

At first I was inclined to look up-
on the simultaneous disappearance
of a young Margate girl and a
Portsmouth battleship as a mere
coincidence. Indeed, a closer in-
spection of the facts seemed to con-
firm my theory that the two inci-
dents were in no way connected.

For example, the captain of the
ship was named Horace ("Lail")
Fitz-Boote. The vessel itself was
painted a dark grey colour, and
weighed over 24,000 tons, besides
being fully equipped with electric
bells and powder magazines. The
girl, on the other hand, was engaged
to a postmaster of Flemish ex-
traction, named Reginald Penny,
never used paint or powder of any
description, was slightly under-
weight, and seemed to be entirely
ignorant of the force of electricity.

However, a secret visit to Port-
smouth elicited the following fact.
On the very day of the theft a young
girl answering to the description of
Maggie Richardson had been seen
in conversation with an able-
bodied seaman named Hogbin.

Hogbin was traced and made the
following voluntary statement when
presented:—
I am Albert Hogbin and I work
on the battleship Daisy at scrub-
bing. Last Tuesday I was going
into a boozer when I was stopped
by a young woman who said: "Ex-
cuse me, sailor, but do you care?"
"What for?" I asked promptly.
"Oh, for anything," said the young
woman. "You see, it's like this.
I'm a reporter and I've been sent
out to interview passing sailors,
because people say they don't care.
Now what I want to know is this.
Do you care?" "No, I don't," I
said. "Not for nothing?" she said.
"No, not for nothing," I said. "Nor
for anybody?" she asked. "Nor
for nobody neither," I said.

I then walked into the boozer
and left the young woman outside.
I haven't seen her since nor I don't
want to. She was a plain-faced
young woman and not my type at
all.

(Signed) ALBERT HOGBIN, A.B.

This seemed to lead nowhere and
I was on the point of returning to
London when a man in a striped
apron entered the local police sta-
tion and requested to see the offi-
cer in charge. He added that it
was urgent and concerned the mis-
sing battleship. The following is
a verbatim report, taken straight
from my notebook, of my interview
with this man, who gave his name
as Waters.
Me: Well, my man. And so you
wish to make a statement con-
cerning the missing battleship.
Waters: You're all wrong there.
What I want to know is
who is going to pay me my milk
bill, that's what I want to know.
Me: Which milk bill?
Waters: Why the bill for all the

Grade A milk and the new-laid
eggs I supplied them with, of
course. Fine lot of British tars
they are! Snatching up the an-
chor and shooting the moon like
that! Curse the Navy, I say!

It is extremely unlikely that the
Stolen Battleship Mystery would
ever have been solved but for one
of those happy accidents which oc-
cur when least expected. Some
months later, while engaged on the
Whitcomb Post Office Outrage—it
will be recalled that a dissatisfied
wholesale bricklayer and estate
agent named Guy Abbey had pulled
down this post office during the
night for spite—I chanced to come
across two used telegraph forms
which at once struck a chord of
memory. I reproduce them here in
the strictest confidence.

To Maggie Richardson 10
Gorse Street Margate Meet Me
Opposite Margate Jetty Six
O'Clock Tonight. Regal Penny.

To Capt FitzBoote H.M.S.
Aubrey Portsmouth Proceed at
Once To Malta Will Join You
There Admiral Kingpin.

Here at last was a clue to the
great Stolen Battleship Mystery!
I quickly formed a theory and fur-
ther investigation confirmed my
suspicions. These telegrams had
become sadly mixed in transit. In-
deed, when delivered, they read as
follows:—

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To Maggie Richardson 10
Gorse Street Margate Proceed
At Once To Malta Will Join
You There.

Reggie Penny.
Thus ended one of the greatest
naval sensations of the century.
H.M.S. Aubrey was found safe at
anchor one mile from Margate
jetty, where she had waited ever
since for her Admiral, and Maggie
Richardson, the beautiful missing
girl, was discovered, alive and
well, in Malta. There, believing
her fiancé to have to have tricked
her, she had married the widower
of a late Colonel of Girl Guides.

NEW CANTON AIR SQUADRON.

SIX FIGHTING PLANES FROM U.S.A.

Canton, Dec. 28.
The Bureau of Aviation has de-
cided to add a third air squadron to
the Kwangtung Provincial Air
Force, and has recently placed or-
ders through an American firm for
the purchase of six fighting planes
at a cost of \$70,000 each. The
planes are to be 350 h.p. two-
seaters, each fitted with two ma-
chine guns.

The new machines are expected
to arrive in Canton next month
when the Third Air Squadron will
be formally inaugurated by Direc-
tor Wong Kwang-yul, Chief of the
Aviation Bureau, with Mr. Chan
Yau-shing, the present Vice-Com-
mander of the 2nd Air Squadron,
as its first Commander.

The inauguration of a third
squadron is partly due to the needs
of civil aviation, several of the
first air squadron being now utilized
to maintain the regular air routes
connecting Canton with Wuchow,
Swatow, Pakhoi and Hoihow.—Our
Own Correspondent.

KWANGTUNG POLICE FORCES.

CENTRALISED CONTROL NOW ARRANGED.

Canton, Dec. 28.
General Auyang-kue, the Popu-
lar Chief of the Canton Police
Force, is to have his powers ex-
tended to control all the police
throughout Kwangtung Province.
This is the result of a decision of
General Chan Ming-shu, Civil Gov-
ernor of Kwangtung, who, appre-
ciating the great progress and ex-
cellent organisation of the Can-
ton Police Force, has invited Gen-
eral Auyang-kue to extend his
knowledge and organising powers
to all the other towns and villages
throughout the province.

The General will assume his new
post immediately after the New
Year holidays, and at the same time
he will take over command of the
Kwangtung Provincial Police Main-
tenance Corps, thus having under
his sole control all the bodies for
the maintenance of law and order
throughout the Province.—Our
Own Correspondent.

WANCHAI SCHOOL PRIZE DAY.

WIFE OF HEADMASTER GIVES AWAY AWARDS.

NEW SCHOOL NEED.

Students of the Wanchai Government School gathered this morning to hear the Headmaster's annual report and receive prizes won during the year. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. G. P. de Martin, Director of Education, the prizes were presented by Mrs. J. Ralston, wife of the Headmaster. Also present were Mr. E. J. Edwards, who will be headmaster next year, and Mrs. Edwards.

Headmaster's Report.

In his report the Headmaster said: "The attendance throughout the year has been very good. In spite of the fact that the habit of seeking leave for trifling causes seems to be very hard indeed. The practice of extending official holidays either at the beginning or end cannot be too strongly deprecated."

The school has been fortunate in suffering from no changes in staff for the last twelve months. During the periodical overhaul of the school premises by the P.W.D., opportunity was taken to paint or colourwash in very light shades as much of the ceilings and walls as was practicable. This tended to ameliorate the lighting. At my request, many leaky gutters in and around the compound were cement rendered in order to mitigate the pest of flies and mosquitoes which used to afflict the vicinity. The building is now neither the malarial nor dilapidated school but a happy place for its many pupils."

The health of both masters and boys has been good. The M.O. Schools examined all new entrants, and re-examined several referred cases. Eleven boys were found to suffer from defective eyesight and spectacles were supplied free by Government.

No outstanding changes were made in the curriculum; but closer adherence to the authorised syllabus was effected. West's "New Method" Readers were successfully introduced into Classes 7 and 8, and next year all classes from 6 downwards will use this admirable series of textbooks. Of 72 boys eligible for entry into Queen's College or King's College, only 23, or 40 per cent, passed the requisite examination. Otherwise, the general average of examination results has been extremely satisfactory.

Library Re-organised.

When I arrived last January the library had fallen into disuse. The Headmaster's Report for 1928 stated that "most of the library books had been ruined by damp, or persons advised. In 26 cases parents were advised or warned, and in 11 of these the Inspector arranged for medical treatment, on several occasions accompanying the parents on their taking the children to hospital. No prosecutions were considered necessary."

The Inspector made 63 supervisory visits. The Committee, while recognising the danger of indiscriminate relief, has felt it necessary to allocate certain funds in order to make provision for relief in urgent cases where there is dire poverty. Relief will be made in kind and no money given. The problem of obtaining proper medical attention in cases of tuberculosis which require lengthy institutional treatment is one which presents the greatest difficulty.

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said:—"You have done me a great honour by asking me to do substitute for Mr. de Martin, who unfortunately found himself unable to come and distribute your prizes this morning. I feel that honour very keenly, because this is the first time I have ever filled such an important position."

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For those others of you who did not manage to win a prize, I hope that next year will bring you your great opportunity, that you will recognise it when it comes, and use it to the full.

Mrs. Ralston's Reply.

After the prizes had been distributed, Mrs. Ralston was presented with a basket of flowers and cheers were given for her, the Headmaster and Mr. and Mrs. Edwards. Replying, Mrs. Ralston

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

LOCAL SOCIETY ISSUES FIRST REPORT.

INSPECTOR'S WORK.

The first annual report of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children states that the first object of the Committee was to raise sufficient funds to admit of the Society engaging the services of an Inspector. The Government contributed a sum of \$2,000 and by the end of April the generous response of those to whom the Society appealed for assistance produced a sum which justified the Committee in engaging an Inspector and equipping an office. In this connection the Committee particularly desires to thank Mr. Wai Shu Pak for his handsome donation of \$10,000.00.

The Committee at first experienced some difficulty in obtaining the services of a person with the requisite qualifications for an Inspector, but in August appointed on probation Miss So Wai Shung, B.A. (Gilling College, Nanjing), who had made a particular study of sociological matters, including child welfare. The Committee feels that it is desirable for the time being to engage only women as Inspectors, as it is believed that they more readily gain access to the homes of those concerned and that they are more capable of advising in matters of child welfare than men.

Juvenile Offenders.

Dealing with juvenile offenders, the Committee expresses the view that, though the imprisonment of some few incorrigible juvenile offenders may be inevitable, the imprisonment of youthful offenders in general is wrong in principle. The individual's fear of prison is to a large extent a sentimental one and once a culprit has been in gaol that sentiment is destroyed for ever. Particularly must this be so in any place where the standards of living are low for a great bulk of the population. The Committee feels that there is large danger of the mind of the youthful offender being contaminated by contact with older delinquents.

The Committee has had under consideration a Bill drafted by Mr. Macpherson making provision for the institution of Juvenile Courts, the segregation of youthful offenders before and during trial, the appointment of probation officers charged with the duty of supervising youthful offenders released on probation, and the substitution of custody in a place of detention to be provided under the Bill for imprisonment as now inflicted. The Committee has forwarded this Bill to the Government for consideration.

Cases Investigated.

The total number of cases investigated between the 1st August and the 14th November was 27. These cases affected the welfare of 27 children and involved 49 offenders or persons advised. In 26 cases parents were advised or warned, and in 11 of these the Inspector arranged for medical treatment, on several occasions accompanying the parents on their taking the children to hospital. No prosecutions were considered necessary."

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WAR ON THE "RED" BANDITS.

BIG CAMPAIGN TO START IN KWANGTUNG.

NAVY TO ASSIST.

Canton, Dec. 23. Early in the New Year, a thorough drive is to be made for the complete suppression of the Communist bandits on the Kiangsi, Fukien and Kwangtung borders. General Heung Hon-ping, Commander of the 62nd Division, has just arrived in Canton from Swatow. He is to confer with General Chan Chai-long, Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Forces in South China regarding the plans for the campaign.

Troops are now massing on the borders of the three provinces. They belong to the 62nd Division and the 12th Brigade under General Chang Tai, and the drive will be launched as soon as General Heung Hon-ping returns to Swatow with the necessary instructions from General Chan Chai-long.

General Chang Yim of the 61st Division, who has recently returned from the successful campaign in the North, will also join General Hon-ping in the campaign.

The Kwangtung Provincial Fleet, 4th Naval Squadron, is being reinforced along the various waterways of the Province, and early in the New Year a simultaneous drive will be made in all the known bandit haunts throughout the Province, with the object of completely suppressing all pirates and bandits and of restoring complete security of communications in all parts of the Province.

During the long-drawn-out campaign in Kwangtung bandits have been on the increase in Kwangtung, the bandits taking advantage of the absence of troops to raid numerous small villages and to hold up river traffic along the principal waterways. Admiral Chan Chai, Commander-in-Chief of the 4th Naval Squadron, is himself going to direct the naval drive against the pirates and will be leaving Canton immediately after the New Year holidays on a tour of inspection of all the Naval forces throughout the Province. *Our Own Correspondent.*

DOUBTS ON "RED" LITERATURE.

UNLIKELY TO CAUSE ANY SERIOUS BREACH.

MAGISTRATE'S VIEW.

That there had apparently been some trouble at the Gas Works recently was disclosed before Mr. Lindell at the Central Police Court this morning when a folk employed at the Talkoo Sugar Refinery appeared on a charge of possession of seditious literature which contained an intimation of trouble at the Gas Works, Talkoo Sugar Refinery and the Nanyang Tobacco Bros.

The defendant was arrested at 8A, East Street, Quarry Bay, on December 19 after the police had found a quantity of literature in a basket for which he produced the key and in a tea basket found near his bed.

After hearing the evidence, his Worship pointed out to Detective Sergeant Kennedy, who prosecuted, a passage relating to trouble at the Gas Works and asked if anything had been heard of such an incident. He asked what it referred to.

The officer replied that the police had not any information of any trouble at the Gas Works.

His Worship:—"Surely there has been some underlying fact on which this is based?"

Reading further, his Worship said that he found it very hard to say that there was anything in the pamphlets which might persuade or induce any person or persons to do any act calculated or tending to cause a breach of the peace or to interfere with the administration of law or with the maintenance of law and order. He pointed out that the reference "overthrow the tainted dogs of the Imperialists" clearly meant to get rid of the "tainted dogs of the Imperialists." There was nothing to say by force or attack. The red flag items were simply a tissue of lies. A passage accusing the Government of having paid \$30,000,000 for military expenses was ridiculous. He did not think that anybody would be calculated to take action on the lies contained in the papers.

Detective Sergeant Kennedy remarked that there was a reference to the Nanyang Bros. where there had been some trouble recently.

His Worship said that all the passages referred to instances that were claimed to have occurred. It was more or less news; so-called news. But did it incite anybody to do anything? It was not an offence to try to stop people from going to work by peaceful means. His Worship adjourned the case until to-morrow for the police to consult the Crown officers.

SANDAKAN LIGHT MEETING.

TRADE DEPRESSION EFFECTS IN BORNEO.

A YEAR'S PROFITS.

Mr. R. G. Shewan presided at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Sandakan Light and Power Company (1929), Limited, held this morning.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The report and accounts for the year ended June 30, 1930, having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, take them up now.

The profit on working account, without including provision for depreciation amounting to \$27,296.86, is \$61,871.73, and shows an increase of approximately 35½ per cent. over that of last year; but I must point out to you that this is in a great measure due to the favourable rates of exchange prevailing during the year, as our earnings are in Straits currency. The increase in the total energy sold was 96,805 units, an increase of approximately 17 per cent, this being primarily due to the gradual increase in the demand from the Water Works.

The net balance on working account is \$37,571.87. After putting aside \$2,693.91 to sinking fund for replacing the cost of our concession, and after deducting commission and consulting committee's directors' and auditors' fees there remains, after crediting interests, income from investments and scrip fees totalling \$3,136.82, a balance to credit of profit and loss account of \$32,569.75, which is transferred to the general profit and loss account as per balance sheet.

This sum of \$32,569.75 has been applied to the reduction of the adverse balance of \$82,951.48 brought forward from last year, leaving now at debit of general profit and loss account a sum of \$50,381.73.

Trade Depression.

This I think, gentlemen, you will admit, is satisfactory, but our manager reports that the general depression in trade all over the world is also affecting Borneo, and so far we shall feel the effect in reduced earnings this year.

The Government water works are now connecting services to the various houses, and we are trying to exploit the possibilities of electric water heating during the off peak load period by offering attractive rates. Our manager is of the opinion that there are good prospects.

Our consulting engineer paid Sandakan a visit in May of this year, and submitted a detailed report on the workings of the company. His report states that certain alterations to the high tension mains are to be carried out in order that a ring main in the town be established and continuity of supply be secured by affording alternative feeding routes, and also to avoid in certain areas the main roads where trees abound, which are a source of trouble.

The second of the new Babcock & Wilcox boilers has been erected and put into service, and our boiler plant is now of ample capacity to supply steam for the full load output of our generating plant.

Due to the necessity of increasing our spray cooling pond area by the removal of the manager's present office and also to afford more room for our stores and meter testing department, we have sanctioned an addition to the existing power station building, which is estimated will cost approximately Straits \$3,000.

Coal Mining Suspended.

I regret that the coal mining operations in Sandakan Bay, which I referred to in my remarks last year, have been completely shut down.

You will see from the balance sheet that we have built up a very substantial cash reserve, the money being invested in sound local stocks.

Generally, the present outlook for trade is not very good; not only has the Australian market been closed to the timber trade, but rubber also, the other main industry, is, as you know, going through a very lean period at present.

The statement of accounts and report were adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. P. Braga.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. C. A. da Rosa, the retiring directors, were re-elected, and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$350 each.

The Directors present were Messrs. R. G. Shewan (Chairman), J. P. Braga, S. M. Churn and C. A. da Rosa. Shareholders who attended were Messrs. L. W. Shewan, A. L. Shields, Chan Man-ai, D. W. Munton, F. J. Tavora, Teo Tean-tai, J. Topplin, A. A. Botelho, J. V. Braga.

LORD MELCHETT'S DEATH.

GREAT LEADER IN BRITISH INDUSTRY.

CO-OPERATION IDEAS.

Lord Melchett, head of the great £65,000,000 Imperial Chemical Industries combine, whose death at the age of 62 years is announced by Reuters, was an interesting character in many ways.

His father was the famous German chemist, Ludwig Mond, who became naturalised in England in 1880. Lord Melchett, who is probably better known as Sir Alfred Mond, was of Jewish descent and was educated at Cambridge and Edinburgh Universities.

He studied for the law and practised in Wales as a barrister until he joined the firm of Prunner, Mond and Co., founded by his father in conjunction with Sir John Brunner.

Great Ability.

Soon after his marriage he became managing director of the firm, with seats on the directorates of various associated concerns. In these important administrative positions he showed great ability.



and was very soon recognised as one of the outstanding figures among the leaders of British industry. But although devoting much time and energy to the management of industrial concerns handling such things as dyes, alkali, nitrates, coal, nickel, and so on, Alfred Mond was also keenly interested in politics. He found time to give active support to the Liberal Party, and being a ready speaker and keen debater was a welcome recruit to the political platform.

In the General Election of 1906 he won one of the most sensational victories of that campaign by capturing a Conservative stronghold at Chester. In the House of Commons he was soon regarded as one of the coming men, and his ardent support of the Free-trade movement brought him well to the front in Parliament and in Party politics. In 1910 he received a baronetcy, and three years later was appointed to a seat on the Privy Council.

When war broke out in 1914, Sir Alfred Mond was invited by Mr. Lloyd George to join a small committee of business-men whose advice and assistance was required by the Government in dealing with the economic crisis which followed the outbreak of hostilities. In 1916 Sir Alfred Mond joined the Government as First Commissioner of Works, and he was appointed Minister of Health. He was much criticised later when he crossed the floor of the House.

Picturesque Figure.

Lord Melchett was one of the many picturesque figures in English public life. His tall, stalwart figure and genial, smiling face gave one the impression of a good-natured man with full confidence in himself.

He was a very wealthy man; his association with many different branches of industrial activity brought him enormous wealth, but he was a generous as well as a rich man, and he gave lavishly to many charitable institutions. During the war he established and maintained two hospitals at which nearly 3,000 officers and men were treated.

Relations With Labour.

More recently, the negotiations he inaugurated between capital and labour for peace in British industry focussed world-wide attention on his London house. Here committees of employers and trade union delegates met for months behind closed doors. One result was the publication of a memorandum addressed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the gold reserve and its relation to credit facilities. Such was the scope of an industrial peace conference whose convenor was aware that the industrial revolution, is being followed by the scientific revolution and that the problem of peace in British industry depends for its solution, in part at least, on the ability of industry to reorganize itself from the top down.

Lord Melchett declared that such phrases as "master and man" had really no meaning in modern industry; the proper word was "co-workers." He said the time had come when the community would have to put an obligation upon those directing industry in some shape or other to carry out these ideas.



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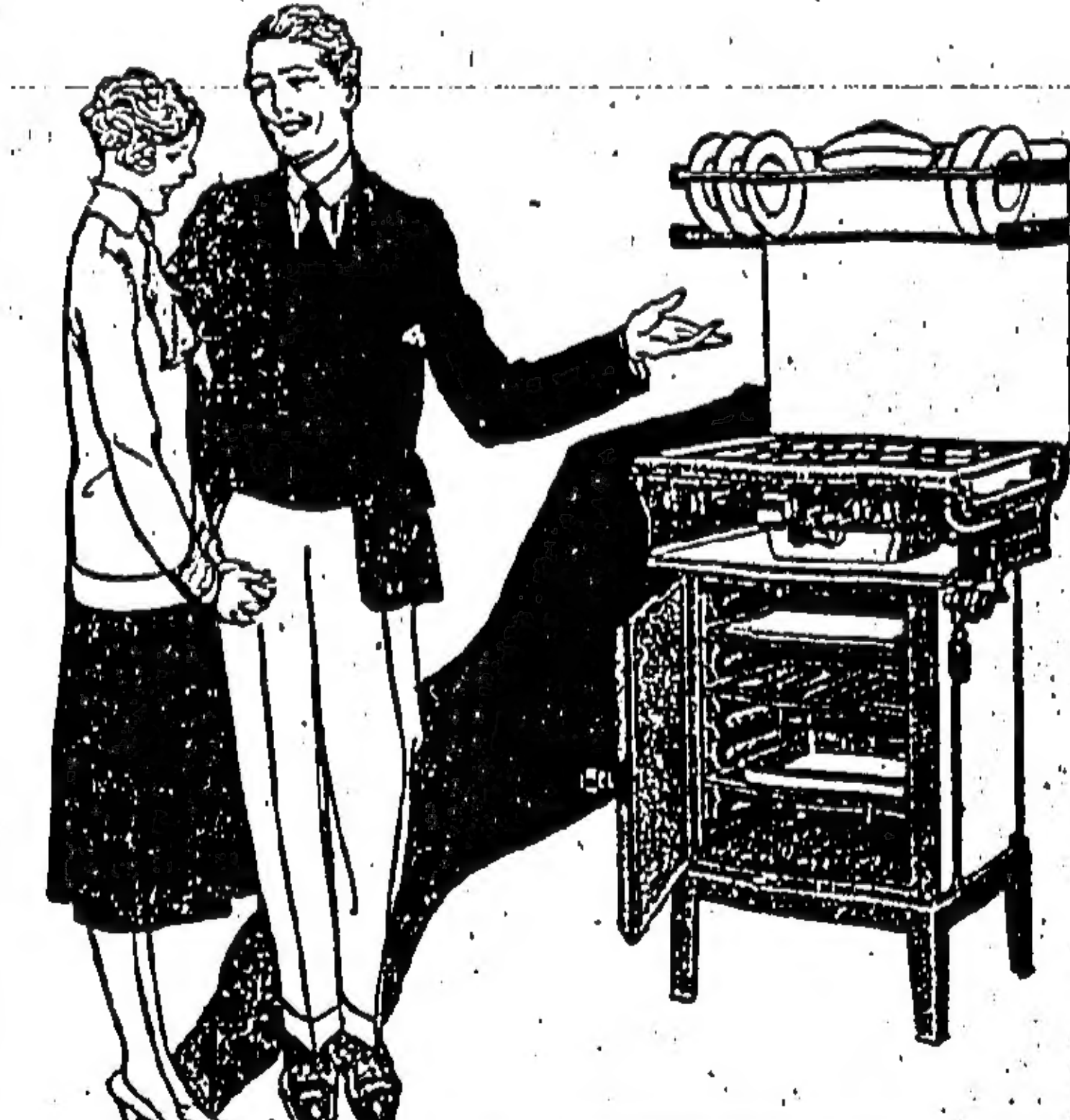
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If some people could not manage industry, they would have to get out of it; if they could not get on with workmen, they would have to find some other occupation. He insisted that it was essential that the principle of co-operation, the principle of the general interest, and the principle of industry should be made compulsory throughout the length and breadth of the land.

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NEW TERRITORIES AGRICULTURE.

LADY PEEL OPENS FOURTH ANNUAL SHOW.

SATISFACTORY ENTRY.

An optimistic spirit prevailed at the Fourth Agricultural Show of the New Territories which was opened at Shek Wu Hui, Sheung-shui district, on Saturday and continued until yesterday. For the first time, the Show was placed under the auspices of the recently-formed New Territories Agricultural Association, which with its wider scope, as announced, will henceforth look after the needs of the farmers and give them all the necessary advice and assistance in developing the agricultural possibilities of the Territories. The number of exhibits was an encouraging feature of the Show—more than 4,000 being on display.

Judging of the exhibits was carried out on Saturday morning, when some 150 awards were tabulated. The Committee, headed by Rev. Mr. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., as Chairman, had put in a vast amount of work by getting together such a large number of exhibits and arranging them for exhibition. The results which rewarded this effort, should be gratifying.

The Opening.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, was to have been present for the purpose of opening the Show but was prevented by the effects of a recent accident. In his stead, the Show was opened by Lady Peel, who was accompanied by Mr. Tufton, His Excellency's Private Secretary. There were also present Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax (Colonial Secretary), Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, (District Officer of the Northern Territories), Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. H. B. L. Dobbie, Mr. J. D. Bush, (Hon. English Secretary of the Association), members of the Chinese gentry of the New Territories, and others.

Chairman's Speech.

The Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., extending a welcome to the guests, said:—Ladies and Gentlemen:—It is a great honour to have you present with us to-day, showing your interest in our efforts to promote improvements in agriculture and in the conditions of the people in the New Territories. This is the fourth annual show, and though we cannot point to any very great progress yet, the Committee are quite sure that in the not distant future there will be more signs of fruit for their labours. Year by year we have had a financial struggle to meet the current expenses, even though the Government has very kindly provided the show buildings in the past, and this year has made a grant of \$1,000 towards the cost of the building.

Committee's Work.

The Committee, which consists mainly of the gentry of the Territories assisted by a number of gentlemen and ladies from Hongkong and some residents of the Territories, has worked very hard year by year in the faith that the effort would not be in vain. It would be invidious to mention

names, but many have been very faithful in attendance at meetings, and in contributions towards the work. Only so could it have been carried on.

The ordinary farmer who is used to seeing a large display of roots, fruit and vegetables every few days in the markets, can hardly understand why so much fuss should be made over such a show, but if there is an off-chance of his winning a prize he may be willing to exhibit. Otherwise why should he spend the vast sum of twenty cents to see cabbage and turnips—(Laughter and applause). It must be very difficult for him to understand why a prize should be given for anything so common as a sweet potato, and this may be accompanied by a feeling that his sweet potatoes are no better than those of his fellow-villagers. Perhaps village competitions for prizes might educate him a little.

Contributions Wanted.

Compared with a market the show is tame. There is very little of the "fun of the fair," a deficiency which has been met to some extent by providing novel excitements which doubtless attract some who would otherwise not take the trouble to come. This aspect of the matter will have more attention when there are more funds available.

Some people seem to expect that because a few shows have been held we ought to have induced farmers to change their whole outlook. Such people must be enthusiasts, and we would welcome some of them, if they would come and assist us. The number of exhibitors increases but slowly—though the numbers of articles exhibited increases.

In spite of our financial struggles during the past year, with the hope that springs eternal in the human breast, the Committee has bravely decided to take a new step in forming an Agricultural Society, which will have more scope than the show, and will gradually seek to attack the problems of the farmers from many angles. We look forward to much greater progress when funds are available for the work. We are grateful for the assurance that the Government will give sympathetic consideration to our work to the extent of asking for a grant year by year up to the sum of \$2,000, against our contributions up to that sum.—(Applause).

Loans to Farmers.

Efforts are to be made to raise funds for the purpose of granting loans to farmers on much better terms than they have been able to secure in the past. It is expected that one such scheme will be floated soon after the show is over. If this scheme is successful, in course of time there will be funds available for the purpose of carrying out some of the plans suggested in our Memorandum of Association. No doubt, in addition to this plan, others will soon be tried for the purpose of securing funds for use in the near future. The present scheme has developed from the suggestion of Mr. Fraser that we should endeavour to do something on the lines of the co-operative work which has been carried out in India for a number of years. So far we have not felt ourselves able to undertake anything so large as that, but what is being attempted now may expand into something greater in the future. The fund at present contemplated, if it is successfully carried out, will provide money for

much larger schemes than we can at present regard as within practical politics.—(Applause).

The Chairman's speech was then read to the gathering by Mr. Tang Wei-tong, after which the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., responded on behalf of His Excellency, the speech being later translated by Mr. T. Moffat.

Hon. Mr. Hallifax.

Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, in asking Lady Peel to declare the show officially open, said:—Mr. Wells and the Committee of the New Territories Agricultural Show, Lady Peel, Ladies and Gentlemen:—I have to begin by expressing our regret at the absence of His Excellency. He was anxious to fulfil his promise to open this New Territories Agricultural Show, but his doctor's orders are absolute, and he has therefore no alternative. I am sure, however, that you would wish a respectful expression of our wishes for a rapid and complete recovery to be conveyed to him. He has asked me to say that it is a great disappointment to him not to be able to be present to-day at this the first Agricultural Show held here since his arrival in the Colony. But sends his best wishes for its success.—(Applause).

Then and Now.

A number of those present are gentlemen with whom it was my good fortune to be associated in the days when I was stationed in the New Territories. They, like myself, must sometimes stand amazed when they stop to compare the conditions they see here now with those of 30 years ago. The development is remarkable, and in almost every direction, though in agricultural matters it would seem to me that tradition has tended to hold us back from taking the fullest advantage of the opportunities offered. There are signs around us of new experiments and new departures. The Government has an experimental garden of which it is intended the population of the New Territory should take advantage.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Lady Ho Tung have done great work in developing their estate, and showing the possibilities of the country, not only in the matter of producing from the soil, (and in this their tobacco efforts are particularly noteworthy), but in other matters also such as the not unsuccessful attempt to breed silkworms and manufacture silk. I understand important fruit farming schemes are being tried out at Li Fuk-lam's premises near Tai Po, and there is further the evidence we can see all around us of the spread of the cultivation of foreign vegetables.—(Applause).

Intensive Cultivation.

No doubt, too, as a whole a larger area of land is under cultivation and the growth of our market towns such as Shek U Hui itself, is evidence of increased production, but I see few signs of effort to combine to improve the quality of products or of co-operative effort in production or marketing. It must be obvious that Hongkong, which imports quantities of vegetables, would take them more readily from the New Territory owing partly to its proximity, if they were grown there; that they can be grown there, both Chinese and foreign vegetables, is proved by the experience of the bolder spirits anywhere you look on the line of the road.

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NEW TERRITORIES
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Mr. Green informs me that foreign vegetables can be profitably grown on padi fields in the winter without any detriment to the crops of the following year. But to take advantage of the opportunities, first individual effort is needed, then combination and co-operation in marketing. The organization just launched, the New Territories Agricultural Society, crystallizes this view, and points out many lines along which it would be profitable to take action but it is wrong to think that a perfect paper organization can cover the whole ground. It is certainly the end at which to aim, but short steps are necessary before long ones can be taken.

All-Round Effort.

Combination first with your neighbours and later with the neighbouring villages in ascertaining what the demand is likely to be, in producing the right thing, and in collecting and marketing; at the least expense, would lead in time to the larger organization with a full appreciation of its possibilities and advantages, but the building up must be from the bottom. Do not depend too much upon the Society to begin with, but do your own individual best.

Among the objects of the Association is a tree-planting programme, a matter which can easily enough be handled by individuals, or at least by each separate village in its own vicinity, but there is one aspect of this case, which requires no action at all—only abstention from it.

Hill Fires.

I understand that the hill fires which are so general over the New Territory during the winter do no real good at all. They are very pretty to look at, and no doubt occasion a certain amount of pleasure and amusement, and they certainly drive wild pigs and deer into somebody else's village, but they do destroy the trees. If an effort was made to prevent the hill fires on the hillside, many thousands of young trees would be saved each year, and the result would be, much greater than all the planting we could hope to carry out. Incidentally I might mention that neither wild pigs nor deer are protected by the Government.

Windmill Irrigation.

Mr. Wells has already said something about the assistance given by the Government. It has each year provided the matched for this show. It has now remitted the statutory fees for the formation of this Association, a matter of something over \$300 (approximate), and there is a discussion as to further assistance that may be given. It is definitely proposed in the course of this following year to establish a sample windmill irrigation installation at some chosen spot with a view to bringing more ground under cultivation.

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Chinese Vegetables, for the highest number of points.—First prize, \$10, Liu Cheung Mow; Second prize, \$5, Chaw Ka Li. Donor, Rev. H. R. Wells.

Foreign potatoes.—First prize, \$10, Li Choy Kee. Donor Mr. R. Baker.

Cotton.—First prize, \$10, Lady Ho Tung; Second prize, \$5, Lau Kau. Donor Mr. Fung Ki Cheuk.

Governor's Cup, for the highest number of prizes for foreign and Chinese vegetables combined in a district.—Won by the 5th District, Sheungshui and Fanling. (This cup will be put in the assembly hall in the Tai Po Market).

Prize for the highest number of exhibits from any one district.—Won by the 6th District, Sheungshui and Fanling. (Tablet presented by the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern).

Sir Cecil Clementi's prize awarded to the district winning the highest number of prizes.—Won by the 5th District, Sheungshui and Fanling.

Mr. James Bullock's prize awarded to the competitor gaining the highest number of points in the poultry exhibition.—Won by Lady Ho Tung.

There were also 30 other prizes, which were awarded to competitors having the highest number of points for individual exhibits.

Chinese Poultry.

Turkey Cock or Hen.—1, Chan Kai, 2, Chan Kai.

Hen.—1, Lui Shun Yip; 2, Kam Yuen.

Duck or Drake.—1, Liu Yun Yau; 2, Cheng Kai Pui.

Goose or Gander.—1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Lau Pui Kee.

Cock.—1, Lee Mow Fung; 2, Fung Wah King.

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Non-Chinese Poultry.

Cock.—1, Fung Kee Chuk; 2, Lady Ho Tung.

Hen.—1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Fung Kee Chuk.

Cattle Section.

Best bullock.—Mr. Chung Kai Piu.

Best cow.—Mr. Wong Mui Heung.

Best calf.—Mr. Kan Chuen.

Buffalo and Calf.—Mr. Kam Tim.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard dined at Mountain Lodge. Mr. Hornell, Miss Goldsworthy, Miss Winnifred, Lt. Comdr. Walter, and Mr. Jenyns arrived at Mountain Lodge.

Wednesday, Dec. 24th.—The following dined at Mountain Lodge:—The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Mackie, The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Mackie, Comdr. and Mrs. Shelly, Mr. and Mrs. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. H. Owen Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Newbigging, Miss Hallifax, and Miss Mackie.

Christmas Day.—Lady Peel and Mr. Hornell attended by Mr. G. W. Tufton, (Private Secretary) and Captain T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C. visited The Government Civil Hospital.

Lt. Duckworth and Lt. Schreiber dined at Mountain Lodge. Lady Peel gave a small supper party in the evening.

Boxing Day.—Miss Goldsworthy, Miss Winnifred, and Lt. Comdr. Walter left Mountain Lodge.

Saturday, Dec. 27th.—Lady Peel accompanied by Mr. G. W. A. Tufton (Private Secretary) opened The New Territories Agricultural Show, at Sheungshui.

show what can be done. If it is successful it should not be for the Government to follow up the experiment.

Looking to the Future.

Those ladies and gentlemen who have been responsible for the organization of this show, and for the even greater labour of establishing the New Territories Agricultural Association have all earned the thanks of the Government as well as of the residents in the New Territories, and I hope the day is not far distant when the Association will make its influence felt in the larger markets of the Colony to the advantage of the New Territories producers.—(Applause).

The judges have made their inspection of the exhibits during the course of the morning and will decide on the award of the prizes before to-morrow, when Mrs. Wynne-Jones has kindly consented to make the presentation. It now only remains for me to ask Lady Peel to declare the fourth Agricultural Show held in the New Territories, as opened.—(Prolonged applause).

Lady Peel then officially declared the show open, amidst applause, and Mr. J. D. Bush, Honorary English Secretary, presented her with a beautiful basket of flowers, on behalf of the Association.

Mrs. E. I. Wynne-Jones distributed the awards yesterday to over 150 prize-winners.

In thanking the committee for asking his wife to give away the prizes, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones also congratulated the organizers for sparing no pains in making the show a success. He said that the General Committee had already done much in bringing the farmers together in closer co-operation with each other, and he felt sure that the new Credit Co-operative scheme would yet further the interests of the farmers.

The Prize List.

Special prizes were donated as follows:

Foreign Vegetables, for the highest number of points.—First prize, \$10, Lady Ho Tung; Second prize, \$5, How Ip. Donor, Mr.

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Most of the party intends to visit Peking sight-seeing, within the next few days.—Reuter.

NANKING AMNESTY.

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Nanking, Dec. 28.

It is learned that the National Government on January 1 is promulgating an Act providing an amnesty for political offenders, excepting the principal participants in the coup of 1922, when Sun Yat-sen was ousted from Canton, and the principal leaders of the rebellion this year.

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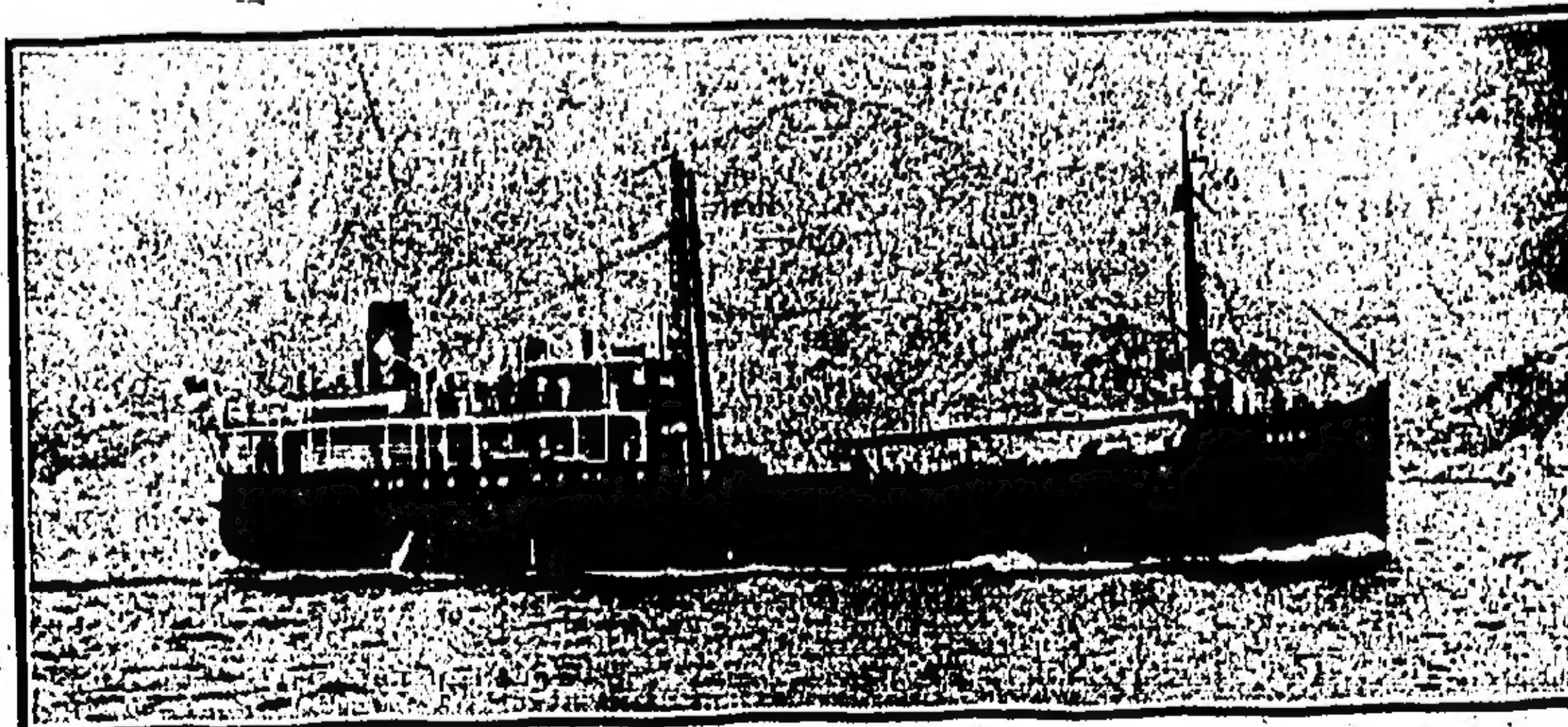
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MERAPI DEATHROLL OVER 1,000.

DISTRICT "A VERITABLE BURNING HELL."

REFUGEES INSANE.

Batavia, Dec. 29. The deathroll arising from the eruption of Merapi is now estimated at 1,500, the figure including hundreds of natives who are missing.

The volcano is still pouring out lava, but there is no danger of further casualties, as the whole of the area has been evacuated.—*Reuter.*

An Aneta Agency message of the 21st inst. stated:—Eight native villages have been totally destroyed and an extensive area of land all round the volcano is covered by a red-hot sandstream, slowly flowing downwards threatening to wipe out several other villages.

Thousands of refugees are pouring into the towns of mid-Java. They are mostly panic-stricken and many have been driven mad by the horrible sights they have seen and the ordeal they have passed through.

The whole district of Sroemboeng has been turned into a veritable burning hell. Merapi is still active and emitting pillars of smoke with intermittent blinding flashes of fire. The underground rumblings, however, have stopped.

During his visit to the stricken area the Resident went into several houses where the occupants, men and women, were dead, having apparently committed suicide due to fear of approaching disaster.

The eruption is one of the greatest catastrophes which has happened in mid-Java.

GOVERNOR ON GAOL STRIKE.

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no reason to believe that the Government's confidence in the Superintendent and his Staff is misplaced, but I am fully prepared to have the whole administration reviewed. Such review is in fact now in hand from one important angle in the work of the Retrenchment Commission; and their enquiries in the interests of economy can hardly fail to direct attention to existing weaknesses, if indeed such exist, in the general administration. I propose to await the completion of their enquiries, before considering the appointment of a Committee to review the General Administration. The opinion may safely be hazarded that the criticism of such a Committee would centre largely on the inadequate and unsatisfactory nature of the Gaol buildings, a matter to which I am giving anxious and urgent consideration. My settled conviction being that the whole establishment must be moved to buildings of a more modern design in more satisfactory surroundings. I propose to press on to this end with the utmost expedition. I may add that the latest reports indicate that conditions in the gaol have more or less returned to normal.

The Report was adopted without discussion.

His Excellency's Thanks.

In adjourning the Council sine die, His Excellency said: "As this is the last Council meeting this year, I take the opportunity of thanking both Honourable Members of this Council and those who have acted temporarily on this Council during the year very sincerely for all the advice and help they have given both to this Council and especially to myself since I assumed office in Hongkong; and I offer you my best wishes for the forthcoming year which I sincerely trust will bring back a revival of prosperity to this Colony."

SUGAR MARKETS.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cabled sugar quotations have been received by Messrs. Ponthreath and Co.:—

London Terminals.
Market closed 26th/29th Dec.
New York Terminals.

26th	27th
Spot	1.18 1.15
Jan.	1.13 1.10
Mar.	1.22 1.19 down 3 pts.
May	1.27 1.24 " 7 "
July	1.34 1.31 " 7 "

Market easier owing to liquidation.

London 28/12/30.—New problem has arisen owing to withdrawal of N.I. Landbouw Mij., from participation in scheme. Will probably cause further delay. No further developments in Germany.

Samarang 28/12/30.—Market dull in the absence of any demand.

ESTATE COMPANY CAPITAL.

SHAREHOLDERS AGREE TO INCREASE.

USUAL DIVIDEND LIKELY TO BE MAINTAINED.

NEW CALL DATE.

Presiding at an extraordinary general meeting of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., held this morning for the purpose of increasing the capital of the Company from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000 Mr. Henry Humphreys explained that the last increase was made as long ago as 1904, and said there was no doubt that the Company was under-capitalised. He added that the Company had over 26 lakhs invested in land and buildings, and said the Directors anticipated no difficulty in maintaining the usual dividend of eight per cent. on the increased capital.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, giving the text of the resolutions setting forth the proposed increase in capital.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—A brief explanation is perhaps necessary as to the reasons which have prompted your Directors to recommend the proposed increase of capital, and the number of shares to be offered to shareholders. The Company's capital was last increased as long ago as 1904 to its present capital of \$1,500,000. There is no doubt that the Company is under-capitalised. We have over 26 lakhs invested in land and buildings, and, in the opinion of your Directors, an increase of capital is not only justified, but necessary. We anticipate no difficulty in maintaining our usual dividend of 8% on the increased capital.

You will observe from the notice just read out to you that it is proposed to issue at once 50,000 fully-paid-up shares out of the 150,000 shares which you are being asked to authorise, and to hold over the remaining 100,000 shares until such time as a further issue of capital may become necessary.

It is further proposed to offer these 50,000 shares to present shareholders in the proportion of one new share to every three old shares at a premium of \$2.50 per share, viz. at \$12.50 per share and to call up the amount due by 25th April, 1931, so that the new issue shares will rank for dividends and other benefits as from 1st May, 1931.

Resolutions Carried.

The two resolutions were formally moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. H. Seth and Mr. W. A. Dowley, respectively, and carried unanimously.

Those present included the Hon. Mr. C. C. Mackie, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, J. M. Alves and J. H. Taggart (Directors), Mr. M. H. Turner (legal adviser), and Messrs. W. A. Dowley, J. H. Seth, D. E. Clark, J. D. Humphreys, C. Bulmer Johnson, A. P. Samy, D. Wilson, J. A. Tarrant, G. E. R. Drevet, A. Forsyth, W. Robson (shareholders) and Mr. J. L. Quie (Secretary).

ARSON TRIAL OPENS AT THE SESSIONS.

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company with another man. They were chased but only accused was caught. Jars filled with petrol and kerosene were found among the palm leaves and also a number of naphthalene balls that had been broken up.

"Careless" Act.

The plan failed because of one careless thing, said counsel. The man who started the flames, in sweeping inflammable things together to keep the flames low to start with, broke the chain, leaving a gap that the flames did not bridge. The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade had given it as his opinion that in a matter of a few minutes the premises would have been a seething mass of flame and adjoining houses would have been in serious danger. The case is proceeding.

DRIZZLE OR MIST.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone central over S.E. Mongolia has strengthened. A depression has formed between the Loochoos and the Bonins. The monsoon will freshen along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. The local forecast is:—North winds, freshening; fine at first; drizzle or mist later.

APPEAL AGAINST SENTENCE.

POLICE INTERPRETER'S CASE TO BE REOPENED.

ON FACT AND LAW.

A formal application of appeal against the sentence of two months' hard labour imposed last week on Li Tsan-pui, clerk and interpreter of Police Headquarters, on a charge of attempting to obtain money by false pretences from a licensed hawk, was made by Mr. M. K. Lo before Mr. Williams at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The defendant, it will be recalled, was convicted last Monday of a charge of attempting to obtain \$50 under the pretext that he had been authorised to do so by Sergeant Thorpe, officer in charge of the Hawkers' Department.

Mr. Lo said his application was made under Section 103 of the Magistrates' Ordinance for leave to appeal on a question of fact. He also wanted to hand in a written application for his Worship to state a case on a question of law. Mr. Lo mentioned the question of entering into recognizances, as provided under Section 106.

On the question of fact, Mr. Lo pointed out that the evidence on which his Worship had registered a conviction had been uncorroborated; there had been no direct testimony to confirm that evidence. His Worship granted the appeal and intimated that the defendant would remain on \$750 bail pending the prosecution of the appeal, and then would have to produce another \$750 as recognizances.

BOGUS CONSTABLE MAKES HAUL.

HOLDS UP AND ROBS YOUNG MAN.

A confession that he was terrified into submitting to a search the object of which it transpired, was robbery, was made by Cheng To, a young man living at 59, Hui Heung Road, to the Yau-mat police last night.

Cheng said he was strolling through King's Park in the company of his fiancée when he was stopped by another Chinese who gave him to understand that he was a police officer.

Fearing to resist, yet suspicious of the intentions of the man, Cheng suggested that they should go together to the Police Station if a search was to be made, but the other man was adamant, and finally had his way.

The result was that Cheng was dispossessed of a gold watch and over \$10 in money. The audacious highwayman—for such he was—then enjoined his victim to go home, while he walked hurriedly away in an opposite direction.

TROOPSHIP NEVASA ARRIVES.

DAY LATE THROUGH BAD WEATHER.

With Army details on board, the troopship Nevasa arrived in harbour this morning from Home via Singapore and was made fast alongside Holts Wharf. She left Singapore for Hongkong last Tuesday and was expected here at 9 a.m. yesterday but a telegram received from the ship informed the local authorities that she had been delayed and would be in at daylight this morning.

The Nevasa is a steel twin screw steamer of 9,059 tons gross, owned by the British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

GIPSY FIGHT IN CAMP.

ROMANY AWRY!

Gipsy feuds in an encampment at Rochford, Essex, were stated at Southend on Dec. 3 to keep the police engaged day and night.

Four members of a clan were bound over for two years to be of good behaviour.

They had previously been charged with an assault on another gipsy gang which had just arrived from a country town.

"That night," said Inspector Foch, "I had to take a car-load of officers to quell a riot at the encampment."

"People living in the neighbourhood of these caravan dwellers complain that night after night half-naked men fight furiously, with women cheering them on."

"We are determined that the King's peace shall be maintained in this encampment," declared the chairman, Mr. J. H. Burrows, in binding defendants over.

Two months' imprisonment was imposed by Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a Chinese named Cheung Fok, who was charged with the larceny of a sum of money from his master at 128, Cheung Sha Wan Road. The defendant was a cook employed by the complainant. After stealing the money, he staged a faked armed robbery by breaking open a suit case.

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